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187th ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

ASHFIELD



1952

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*Annual
Report*

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

for the year ending

December 31, 1952

To the Inhabitants of the

Town of Ashfield, Massachusetts

E. A. HALL & COMPANY
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Greenfield, Mass.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

DONALD F. HOWES

Clerk and Treasurer

WALTER A. WHITNEY

Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Health and Public Welfare

CHARLES W. WARD	Term Expires 1955
DONALD W. LILLY	Term Expires 1953
CLIFTON W. SCOTT	Term Expires 1954

School Committee

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	Term Expires 1955
LEO VAN VALKENBURG	Term Expires 1953
DOROTHY D. CRAFT	Term Expires 1954

Library Trustees

MAY G. BOICE	Term Expires 1953
ELMER F. LESURE	Term Expires 1954
DONALD F. HOWES	Term Expires 1955
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term Expires 1957
MARY PRISCILLA HOWES	Term Expires 1956

Finance Committee

CHARLES W. WARD	Term Expires 1953
DONALD W. LILLY	Term Expires 1953
CLIFTON W. SCOTT	Term Expires 1953

Park Commission

LESLIE H. GUILFORD	Term Expires 1955
GILBERT N. GRAVES	Term Expires 1953
GEORGANNA M. GORMAN	Term Expires 1954

Tax Collector

GEORGE L. MOWRY	Term Expires 1955
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Constables

RAYMOND H. RENIFF CARL J. DIGE HOWARD A. CRANSON

Auditor

GILBERT N. GARDNER

Surveyors

Of Wood

GILBERT N. GARDNER
CLARENCE S. HALL
LEO J. MELANSON

Of Lumber

HERMON A. HATHAWAY
ALBERT R. KENDRICK
WILLIS D. THAYER

Fence Viewers

CHARLES C. GRAY

PHILIP R. DAMON

Field Drivers

GEORGE C. FIELD

LEON C. SEARS

Dog Officer

RUSSELL L. BURNETT

Tree Warden

GUY R. TANNER

Moth Superintendent

DONALD F. HOWES

Superintendent of Schools

C. WARREN GARDNER

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

HOWARD A. CRANSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REGINALD W. BILLINGS

Inspector of Meats

FRANK C. RICE

Inspector of Animals

RUSSELL L. BURNETT

Burial Agent

FRANK C. RICE

Pound Keeper

GEORGE C. FIELD

Agent for Board of Health

DR. HARRY L. CRAFT

Highway Superintendent

A. LINWOOD WILLIAMS

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the
County of Franklin, *Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Monday, the second day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, one Selectman, Assessor and Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Member of the School Committee for three years, Auditor, three Constables, Tree Warden, one Library Trustee for five years and one Park Commissioner for three years, all on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at three o'clock.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. under Chapter 90 maintenance. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. under Chapter 90. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be

alloted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the following departments for the ensuing year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee: —

Chapter 81	\$ 3,200.
Bridges and Railings	500.
Winter Roads	
Town Dump	100.
Incidentals	350.
Fires and Equipment	1,100.
Town Hall	1,300.
Workmen's Compensation	
Bonds	100.
Office Expenses	450.
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.
Inspection of Animals	150.
Inspection of Meats	100.
Elections	50.
Registrars	100.
Town Officers	3,400.
Insurance on Town Buildings	600.
Street Lights	1,032.
Printing Town Reports and Ballots	400.
Administration of Welfare	572.
Public Welfare	
Disability Assistance	
Old Age Assistance	
Aid to Dependent Children	
Soldiers' Relief	
Western Franklin Veterans	
Service Center	440.
Maintenance Franklin Co.	
Retirement System	

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as the Finance Committee.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of

the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Sec. 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for that purpose.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of Gypsy and Brown-tail Moths, or act relative thereto.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to hire a Life Guard, accredited by the Red Cross, for the Town Beach.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Park Commissioners.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the 1952 Machinery Earnings (\$6,743.21) and the unexpended balance of the 1952 Machinery Expense Account (\$383.77) to the 1953 Machinery Expense Account, to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000. from Overlay surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$ from cash on hand to be applied to reducing the tax rate.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$14,000. for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 and Chapter 90 Maintenance highway work, reimbursement, when received, to be returned to surplus revenue, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for the Town's share of the expense of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately Public Nurse District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of an Ambulance from Ashfield Post No. 245, American Legion; and to see if the Town will vote to delegate authority for the operation, maintenance and administration of said gift into the hands of an Ambulance Maintenance Committee consisting of the Selectmen, the Fire Chief and three members of the American Legion, the latter to be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Ambulance Fund now held by the temporary Ambulance Maintenance Committee and authorize the permanent Committee to administer this fund to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance at their discretion and authorize the Town Treasurer to accept any future cash gifts for this fund.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,000. for the support of the Public and Vocational Schools.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to create a planning committee of three members, to be chosen by the Selectmen, to work with the School Committee and Superintendent, to make a study of means for providing at least two additional classrooms in the present school building, and to submit a report at the next annual Town Meeting; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for the use of this committee, or act relative thereto.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200. to provide quarters for the American Legion Post No. 245 of Ashfield, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civilian Defense, or take any action relative thereto.

CHARLES W. WARD,

DONALD W. LILLY,

CLIFTON W. SCOTT,

Selectmen of Ashfield.

NOTE:—This Warrant appears as a matter of information only; the Official Warrant may contain changes and additions.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1952\$ 66,751.66

George L. Mowry, Tax Collector:

1951 Tax	\$ 6,191.75
Interest and Costs	153.51
1952 Tax	55,110.76
Interest and Costs	47.76
1951 Excise Tax	362.57
Interest and Costs	12.48
1952 Excise Tax	9,322.26
Interest and Costs	16.25
	<hr/> \$ 71,217.34

Treasurer of the Commonwealth:

Tuition of State Wards (1951) \$	2,055.35
School Aid, Chapter 70	10,518.14
Vocational Education	2,043.11
English Speaking Classes	5.50
High School Transportation	5,230.75
School Superintendent's Salary	1,391.98
Smith - Hughes Fund, U. S.	
Grant	233.48
George Barden Fund, Travel,	
U. S. Grant	100.00
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	10,679.73
Old Age Assistance	14,860.41
Aid to Dependent Children,	
U. S. Grant	1,850.43
Meals Tax, O. A. A.	974.62
Income Tax	3,771.42
Corporation Tax, Business	6,310.18
Chapter 81, (1951)	502.25
Chapter 81	17,748.31
Temporary Aid	1,485.05
Inspection of Animals	50.00
Reimbursement for Loss of	
Taxes	67.55
Soldier's Relief	641.05
Aid to Dependent Children	1,499.28
	<hr/> \$ 81,968.59

Treasurer of Franklin County:		
Dog Tax Refund	\$ 350.30	
Dog Officer Expense	26.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 376.30
Town of Buckland:		
Tuition		377.98
Transportation		92.00
Town of Plainfield:		
Tuition		484.16
Supt. Office Expense		6.92
Town of Cummington:		
Supt. Office Expense		3.46
Town of Goshen:		
Supt. Office Expense		3.46
Town of Conway:		
Old Age Assistance		99.76
Town of Deerfield:		
Old Age Assistance		251.03
Town of Huntington:		
Old Age Assistance		358.20
Harold K. Howes, Janitor, Rent of		
Hall		730.00
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses		342.20
Withholding Tax		5,549.30
Retirement Deductions		883.14
Blue Cross Deductions		106.80
Machinery Earnings		7,743.21
Gravel		192.15
C. W. Ward, Gravel		176.55
Licenses and Permits		107.00
Cancelled Check, O. A. A.		144.95
Cancelled Check, A. D. C.		13.95
Cancelled Check, Excise Abatement		16.89
Rebate, O. A. A.		9.00
Rebate, Public Welfare		43.46
O. A. A. Recovery, F. I. C. A.		44.92
Reimbursement for Charity		213.00
Income of Whiting Street Fund		48.42
Income of Charity Funds		954.55
Income of M. M. Belding, Jr. Fund:		
For Library		35.01
For Park		35.00
Income of Frederick A. Cross Libra-		
ry Fund		100.50
Income of Perpetual Care Funds		69.02
Collections of Public Health Nurse ..		145.85

Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund	3,000.00
Cash Donations for Fire House	242.25
Donations for Siren:	
American Legion Post #245	300.00
Ashfield Firemens Association ..	250.00
Damage to Town Property	14.00
District Court Fine	15.00
Fees, Sealer of Weights & Measures	24.85
Sale of Stove	5.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co. Tar Patch	59.20
Georgianna Gorman, Scraping Drive	6.70
William Whitehouse, Scraper Blade	27.75
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	\$243,640.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Orders	\$136,994.77
School Committee's Orders	47,993.21
Cash Balance	58,652.50
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	\$243,640.48

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

Cash Balance	\$ 58,652.50
Uncollected 1951 Tax	51.75
Uncollected 1952 Tax	5,703.80
Uncollected 1952 Excise Tax	479.81
Due from County Treasurer:	
Chapter 90	1,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Due from the Commonwealth:	
Chapter 81	4,251.69
Chapter 90	3,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Chapter 90 Cape Street	4,087.80
Tuition of State Wards	1,642.09
Town of Huntington, O. A. A.	179.61
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	\$ 81,549.05

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN

Shelburne Falls National Bank:	
Schoolhouse Loan	\$ 4,000.00

TOWN FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1952

Susan H. Howes Fund	\$ 482.97
xWatson School Fund	1,027.46
Whiting Street Fund	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Fund	3,325.04
*Major W. King Fund	3,826.48
Salmon Miller Fund	3,322.61
*Eliza Miller Fund	9,848.25
oFrederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund	36,769.25

- x This fund holds \$1,300 (maturity value) in U. S. Defense Bonds.
- * These funds each hold \$2,000 (face value) in U. S. Defense Bonds.
- o This fund holds \$18,500 (face value) in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1951	Name	Parents
Aug. 8—	June Marie Fuller	Edward L. and Eleanor M. (Lanoue) Fuller
1952		
Jan. 4—	Keith Archie Jenkins	Archie H. and Lillian (Lanoue) Jenkins
Feb. 23—	John Clifton Dickinson	Ralph R. and Phyllis D. (Corbett) Dickinson
Feb. 24—	Steven Roger Pollen	Roger E. and Barbara L. (Wardwell) Pollen
Mar. 7—	Mark Cameron Richardson	Douglas R. and Barbara (Smith) Richardson
Mar. 11—	Norene Frances Pease	Ralph S. and Lucille (Currie) Pease
Mar. 11—	Karen Jane Gallerani	John Vincent and Shirley (Morton) Gallerani
Mar. 30—	Russell Verdine Loomis, Jr.	Russell V. and Kathryn (Sulley) Loomis
April 3—	Marcia Louise Harriman	George A. and Louise (Howeth) Harriman
April 23—	Bruce Alan Lawrence	Joseph and Marie (LaRocque) Lawrence
May 14—	David Gary Culver	Charles A. and Muriel (Vetterling) Culver
May 29—	Deborah Rae Bernard	Wilfred S. and Theresa (Michaud) Bernard
June 1—	Marie Diane VanCor	Lawrence and Marilda (Dufresne) VanCor
June 3—	Richard Wallace Lilly	D. Wallace and Ann (Nye) Lilly
June 26—	Brian Eldridge Clark	Malcolm S. and Pauline (Jones) Clark

July	8—Doris Ann Gray	William F. and Marion (Coyne) Gray
July	10—Gladden Ralph Keyes	Harold A. and Norma (Gladden) Keyes
Aug.	2—Thomas Edward Graves	Addison E. and Isabelle (Decker) Graves
Aug.	30—Barbara Ann Whitehouse	William C. and Avis A. (Corse) Whitehouse
Sept.	7—Patricia Lynn Howes	Gilbert H. and Dorothy (Morse) Howes
Oct.	17—Jeanne Marie Lanoue	Silbert R. and Joan (Witkop) Lanoue
Oct.	24—Linda Helen Rouba	Henry J. and Helen S. (Kolesinska) Rouba
Oct.	29—William Richard Fitzgerald	William R. and Marian C. (Dodson) Fitzgerald

(Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk.)

MARRIAGES

1952

Mar.	22—William A. Hathaway Ashfield, Mass.	Johanna M. Jacobsen Ashfield, Mass.
April	16—William H. McIntire Ashfield, Mass.	Jennie (Shattuck) Bailey Ashfield, Mass.
April	19—Frederick J. Ice Ashfield, Mass.	Evelyn Joan Turner Buckland, Mass.
May	24—William C. Whitehouse Ashfield, Mass.	Avis A. Corse Conway, Mass.
May	29—Phillips R. Jones Ashfield, Mass.	Ereda M. Lilly Ashfield, Mass.
June	15—Norman Bronson Pike Ashfield, Mass.	Christine Micka Easthampton, Mass.
June	20—Harvey N. Gardner, Jr. Ashfield, Mass.	Katherine E. Barnard Shelburne, Mass.
July	19—Frederick W. Rice Plainfield, Mass.	Ruth E. Field Ashfield, Mass.
Aug.	30—John H. Barbeau Ashfield, Mass.	Doris A. Gingras Easthampton, Mass.

Sept.	27—John F. Doneilo Ashfield, Mass.	Margaret S. Ewart Buckland, Mass.
Nov.	1—Robert Malcolm Mongeon Hatfield, Mass.	Nancy Mae Reniff Ashfield, Mass.
Nov.	22—Peter Dudley Robinson, Jr. Ashfield, Mass.	Janet Marie Lanoue Monterey, Mass.
Dec.	14—Robert William Mumblo Ashfield, Mass.	Nancy Mae Bosworth Greenfield, Mass.

DEATHS

1952		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Feb.	5—Marie (Bippus) Curtis	67	10	5
Feb.	25—Orson Bert Dodge	76	11	16
Mar.	20—Anna Esther (Williams) Dyer	66	9	8
Mar.	24—Norman Harris Edwards	76	9	6
April	8—Nelsen Beaman	75	1	15
May	10—Kate M. (Pratt) Fessenden	85	7	15
May	28—Dorothy (Hopkins) Dige	48	9	1
June	22—Clinton Wallace	79	0	20
July	13—Henry James Bishop	82	11	12
July	15—Nina Gregory	75	8	0
July	18—Judson W. Guilford	72	8	5
July	30—Rose (Stein) Kirstein	79	4	11
Sept.	25—Frances Myrtle (Lee) MacKenzie	47	7	5
Oct.	5—Jennie A. Bucknam	88	8	25
Oct.	18—Edward M. Cockaday	85	8	1
Nov.	20—Walter Lancelot Allum	71	8	22
Dec.	29—Louis W. Dusek	73	1	16

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

1 Kennel	@ \$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
3 Kennel	10.00	30.00	
83 Males	2.00	166.00	
12 Females	5.00	60.00	
45 Spayed Females	2.00	90.00	
		<hr/> \$	371.00
Paid Town Treasurer		\$ 342.20	
Fees Retained		28.80	
		<hr/> \$	371.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

22 Resident Citizen Sporting		Free	
7 Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting		Free	
36 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$ 3.25	\$ 117.00	
78 Resident Citizen Hunting	3.25	253.50	
69 Resident Citizen Sporting	5.25	362.25	
8 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	1.25	10.00	
26 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	2.25	58.50	
3 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	2.25	6.75	
6 Resident Citizen Trapping	5.25	31.50	
10 Special Non-Resident Fishing	2.75	27.50	
2 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	7.75	15.50	
3 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	15.25	45.75	
5 Duplicate	.50	2.50	
		<hr/> \$	930.75
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$	870.50	
Fees Retained		60.25	
		<hr/> \$	930.75

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Winter Roads

Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00
Linwood Williams	\$ 957.50
Lawrence Tatro	809.60
Ralph Graves	519.20
William Fuller	425.70
Harold Shaw	303.60
Arthur Williams	188.00
Russell Loomis	143.00
Joseph Lawrence	24.20
Elwin Fuller	18.70
Dale Tatro	17.60
Edward Scott	15.40
Town of Goshen	6.00
Dept. of Public Works	14.73
Leon Alvord	12.00
Kenneth Darling	8.80
Fred Kelley	12.50
Foster-Farrar Co.	15.44
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co., Salt	258.24
Linwood Williams, Sand	230.25
C. W. Ward	996.90
Town-owned Equipment	2,821.40
	<hr/> \$ 7,798.76

Chapter 81

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00
State Allotment	22,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 26,000.00

Linwood Williams	\$ 1,393.76
Lawrence Tatro	1,197.35
William Fuller	1,082.40
Arthur Williams	838.35
Russell Loomis	796.95
Ralph Graves	655.60
Clayton Lanfair	504.60
Norman Ward	432.10
Harold Shaw	88.00
Kenneth Darling	44.00
C. W. Ward	7,180.25
Town-owned Equipment	3,521.01
Andrew Kelley	20.00

R. A. Anderson	12.00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	387.21	
Bill Willard, Tar Patch & Grits	2,926.37	
M. T. Thompson, Dynamiting	84.90	
Malcolm Clark, Dynamite	7.92	
Raymond S. Hathaway, Lumber	9.10	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	40.48	
Linwood Williams, Gravel	499.80	
Allen Kendrick, Gravel	228.30	
Richard W. Howes, Gravel	224.55	
Belding Park, Gravel	192.15	
Malcolm Phinney, Gravel	121.25	
Packard Bros., Gravel	116.25	
Koppers Company	3,388.92	
		<hr/> \$ 25,994.07

Chapter 90 Williamsburg

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
County Allotment	1,500.00
State Allotment	3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	.05

\$ 6,000.05

Linwood Williams	\$ 219.38	
Russell Loomis	191.95	
Lawrence Tatro	171.05	
William Fuller	150.15	
Clayton Lanfair	86.10	
Arthur Williams	60.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	163.53	
Bill Willard, Grits	76.80	
Koppers Company	280.77	
Linwood Williams, Gravel	536.55	
M. T. Thompson	155.82	
C. W. Ward	3,320.00	
Town-owned Equipment	587.45	
		<hr/> \$ 6,000.05

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
County Allotment	1,000.00
State Allotment	1,000.00

\$ 3,000.00

Linwood Williams	193.75
Lawrence Tatro	191.40
Arthur Williams	174.90

Russell Loomis	173.80	
William Fuller	97.90	
Clayton Lanfair	31.80	
Ralph Graves	8.80	
M. T. Thompson	23.10	
Walter Devine	22.75	
R. Hardwick	24.00	
State Prison Colony	81.25	
Bill Willard	242.40	
Koppers Company	860.45	
C. W. Ward	315.00	
Town-owned Equipment	558.70	
		\$ 3,000.00

Chapter 90 Cape Street

State Allotment		\$ 6,000.00
Linwood Williams	\$ 126.25	
Arthur Williams	95.70	
Lawrence Tatro	90.20	
Russell Loomis	82.50	
Town-owned Equipment	292.15	
C. W. Ward	3,401.00	
		\$ 4,087.80

Bridges & Railings

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Linwood Williams	\$ 40.00	
Arthur Williams	30.80	
Lawrence Tatro	30.80	
Russell Loomis	30.80	
Ralph Graves	8.80	
William Fuller	8.80	
Norman Ward	4.40	
Clayton Lanfair	2.40	
Bill Willard	33.92	
R. A. Anderson	109.60	
R. S. Hathaway	119.44	
C. S. Hall	11.18	
Town-owned Equipment	10.15	
		\$ 441.09

Machinery Expense Account

Transferred:		
1951 Unexpended Balance	\$ 4,280.96	
1951 Machinery Earnings	7,305.60	
1952 Machinery Earnings	1,000.00	
		\$ 12,586.56

Linwood Williams	\$	89.43
Arthur Williams		77.55
Lawrence Tatro		81.95
Russell Loomis		54.45
William Fuller		45.10
Ralph Graves		20.90
Clayton Lanfair		20.10
Norman Ward		17.60
Kenneth Darling		8.80
Harold Shaw		7.70
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	1,899.23	
Cummington Garage		40.00
Tire Engineering Co.		103.00
G. Gilbert Henry		132.75
Packard Bros.		2.50
Ormands Garage		11.36
George W. Wilcox		40.60
Elmer's Store		5.90
Samson Service Station		32.97
Fred G. Huntley		36.00
Brown Equipment & Mfg. Co.		6.66
Perkins Milton Co.	215.59	
Howard A. Cranson		6.00
Northampton Radiator Co.		14.50
Reniff's Garage		654.83
C. W. Ward		2.36
Western Mass. Electric Co.		10.60
Walsh Boiler Works		775.97
Frank Hance		25.05
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.		213.16
Robert Clark		308.97
Lodge Petroleum Corp.		497.26
Foster-Farrar Co.		10.00
Standard Sign & Signal Co.		34.55
Weeks Firestone Store		30.12
Ashfield Motor Sales	6,319.14	
Mary P. Howes		357.39
F. N. Graves & Co., Inc.		4.75
Ashfield Water Co.		6.00
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		Tree Warden	
Appropriation		\$	300.00
Guy Tanner	\$	217.65	
Edward Tatro		52.50	
Kenneth Darling		8.00	

Arthur Williams	3.30	
Town-owned Equipment	10.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 291.50

Park

Appropriation	\$	300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		5.33
Transferred from M. M. Belding		
Fund Income		1.43
	<hr/>	\$ 306.76

Harwood Thayer, Jr.	\$	196.00
Clifford James		46.23
Roger Pollen		30.00
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.		33.10
T. P. Day		1.43
	<hr/>	\$ 306.76

Life Guard

Appropriation	\$	400.00
Harwood Thayer, Jr.	\$	400.00
	<hr/>	\$ 400.00

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation	\$	300.00
Harold K. Howes	\$	194.00
Harry B. Eldridge		99.50
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.		6.00
	<hr/>	\$ 299.50

Public Nurse

Appropriation	\$	1,350.00
Margretta McCann	\$	1,029.85
Vesta Canney		167.09
Town of Sunderland		62.89
Billings Drug Store		29.96
E. A. Hall & Co.		3.57
Mead & Wheeler		1.55
	<hr/>	\$ 1,294.91

Town Officers

Appropriation	\$	3,400.00
Charles W. Ward, Selectman, Asses-		
sor & Board of Public Welfare ..	\$	500.00
Donald W. Lilly, Selectman, Asses-		
sor & Board of Public Welfare ..		500.00
Clifton W. Scott, Selectman, Asses-		
sor & Board of Public Welfare ..		500.00
Walter A. Whitney, Clerk and Treas.		900.00

George L. Mowry, Tax Collector	450.00	
Donald F. Howes, Moderator	10.00	
Gilbert N. Gardner, Auditor	20.00	
Howard A. Cranson, Fire Chief	150.00	
Howard A. Cranson, Forest Warden	35.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee	50.00	
Ralph E. Townsley, School Committee	50.00	
Leo Van Valkenburg, School Committee	50.00	
Reginald W. Billings, Sealer of Weights & Measures	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,255.00

Registrars

Appropriation	\$	250.00
Charles W. Ward	62.50	
Donald W. Lilly	62.50	
Clifton W. Scott	62.50	
Walter A. Whitney	62.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 250.00

Elections

Appropriation	\$	200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		21.00
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Frank M. Darling	\$	8.00
Raymond G. Howes		8.00
Philip R. Damon	37.50	
Frederick K. Hillman	37.50	
Richard S. Hall	12.00	
Charles W. Ward	29.50	
Donald W. Lilly	29.50	
Clifton W. Scott	29.50	
Walter A. Whitney	29.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 221.00

Town Hall

Appropriation	\$	1,100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		137.94
	<hr/>	\$ 1,237.94

Harold K. Howes, Janitor	\$	582.97
Elmer E. Lesure, Janitor		50.00
Linwood Williams	16.25	
Arthur Williams	14.30	
William Fuller	14.30	
Russell Loomis	9.90	

Douglas Ward	9.35
Clayton Lanfair	5.40
Lawrence Tatro	4.40
Town-owned Truck	29.00
Preston Townsley	133.00
Charles F. Tatro	40.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	126.45
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	14.25
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	24.33
Carl J. Dige	3.75
Elmer's Store	7.42
Howard A. Cranson	18.86
Robert H. Nye	44.56
Ashfield Water Company	10.00
Power-Pak	22.95
William D. Rossmeid	56.50
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	\$ 1,237.94

Office Expense

Appropriation	\$ 450.00
Transferred, Old Age Assistance ...	200.00
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Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	\$ 195.55
E. A. Hall & Co.	110.71
Todd Company	117.01
G. Gilbert Henry	94.54
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	64.78
Donald W. Lilly	1.50
George L. Mowry	48.00
Douglas R. Graves	2.85
Commonwealth of Massachusetts70
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	\$ 635.64

Incidentals

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	107.87
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	\$ 457.87
Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n., Dues	\$ 10.00
Mass. Ass'n. of Assessors, Dues	9.00
Mass. Collector's & Treasurer's Ass'n., Dues	4.00
Franklin Co. Selectmen's Ass'n., Dues	6.00
Tri-State Mutual Aid Ass'n., Dues ..	5.00
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett, Legal services	76.94

Charles W. Ward, Postage	4.82	
Walter A. Whitney, Return of Vital Statistics	71.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Recording Deed.....	5.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Postage, Typing and supplies	29.61	
Russell L. Burnett, Dog Officer	39.75	
M. T. Thompson, Dynamite and caps	31.50	
Thelma Tobias, Ringing Bell	12.00	
George L. Mowry, Demands	71.20	
Ashfield Water Co., Water rent	10.00	
Expenses to Boston:		
Charles W. Ward	10.22	
Donald W. Lilly	11.27	
Clifton W. Scott	11.09	
Expenses to Deerfield & Greenfield:		
Charles W. Ward	22.12	
Donald W. Lilly	7.35	
Clifton W. Scott	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 457.87

Civilian Defense

Appropriation	\$	300.00
American LaFrance Foamite Corp. \$	105.95	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	63.53	
	<hr/>	\$ 169.48

Fires and Equipment

Appropriation	\$	1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		66.71
	<hr/>	\$ 1,066.71
Pay Roll	\$	104.00
Ashfield Motor Sales	118.02	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	15.45	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	137.21	
James R. Shea	25.00	
Howard A. Cranson	329.25	
James P. McGrath	125.00	
R. H. Reniff	116.23	
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	24.70	
Mary P. Howes	56.25	
G. Gilbert Henry	8.00	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	7.60	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,066.71

New Fire House

Appropriation	\$ 3,500.00
Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund	3,000.00
Cash Donations	242.25
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	\$ 6,742.25

M. J. Pollen & Son	\$ 2,881.74
Howard A. Cranson	993.05
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	824.52
Ernest Staelens	768.85
Charles W. Ward	442.50
Raynor Door Sales	380.00
Carl J. Dige	219.11
C. S. Hall	117.88
R. S. Hathaway	71.00
Harold K. Howes	30.00
Walter Devine	9.00
Gordon Graves	4.50
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	\$ 6,742.25

Board of Health

Appropriation	\$ 175.00
Transferred, Old Age Assistance	600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	109.62
Merritt B. Low, M.D.	\$ 90.00
Harry L. Craft, M.D.	25.00
Edward P. Wallace, M.D.	17.00
Vesta E. Coombs, R.N.	30.00
Greenfield Isolation Hospital	56.12
Hampshire County Sanatorium	547.50
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	\$ 765.62

Insurance on Town Buildings

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
Mary P. Howes	\$ 279.55
G. Gilbert Henry	279.55
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	\$ 559.10

Workmen's Compensation

Appropriation	\$ 730.00
Mary P. Howes	\$ 729.94
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	\$ 729.94

Bonds		
Appropriation	\$	100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		23.50
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	\$	123.50
Mary P. Howes	\$ 123.50	
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Printing Town Reports & Ballots		
Appropriation	\$	350.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		64.49
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	\$	414.49
E. A. Hall & Co.	\$ 414.49	
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Memorial Day		
Appropriation	\$	200.00
American Legion, Post #45	\$ 28.50	
Doris Howes	6.00	
Karlton Johnson	15.00	
Ashfield Music Ass'n.	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 149.50

Inspection of Animals		
Appropriation	\$	150.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		12.00
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	\$	162.00
Russell L. Burnett	\$ 162.00	
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Inspection of Meats		
Appropriation	\$	100.00
Frank C. Rice	\$ 26.50	
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Town Dump		
Appropriation	\$	100.00
Ella Willis	\$ 50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 50.00

Schoolhouse Loan & Interest		
Shelburne Falls National Bank:		
Notes	\$ 2,000.00	
Interest	105.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,105.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town

Appropriation	\$ 20,000.00
Expended	\$ 18,229.29
	<u>\$ 18,229.29</u>

Federal

Balance December 31, 1951	\$ 218.20
Reimbursement	9.00
Received in 1952	10,679.73
	<u>\$ 10,906.93</u>
Expended	\$ 10,705.81
Balance December 31, 1952	201.12
	<u>\$ 10,906.93</u>

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Transferred from Public Welfare ..	700.00
	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
Expended	\$ 3,036.35
	<u>\$ 3,036.35</u>

Federal

Balance December 31, 1951	\$ 85.60
Received in 1952	1,850.43
Check returned, uncashed	13.95
	<u>\$ 1,949.98</u>
Expended	\$ 1,868.67
Balance December 31, 1952	81.31
	<u>\$ 1,949.98</u>

Public Welfare & Disability Assistance

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Public Welfare	\$ 1,410.90
Disability Assistance	369.60
	<u>\$ 1,780.50</u>

Soldier's Relief

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Transferred, Old Age Assistance	250.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	53.66
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	\$ 1,303.66
Expended	\$ 1,303.66
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	\$ 1,303.66

Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	\$ 2,000.00
Transferred to:	
Town Reports	\$ 64.49
Bonds	23.50
Board of Health	109.62
Elections	21.00
Incidentals	107.87
Town Hall	137.94
Chapter 90 .....	.05
Inspection of Animals	12.00
Park	5.33
Fires and Equipment	66.71
Soldier's Relief	53.66
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	\$ 602.17

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Winter Roads	\$ 7,798.76
Chapter 81	25,994.07
Chapter 90 Williamsburg	6,000.05
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000.00
Chapter 90 Cape Street	4,087.80
Bridges & Railings	441.09
Machinery Expense Account	12,202.79
Tree Warden	291.50
Park	306.76
Life Guard	400.00
Gypsy Moth	299.50
Public Nurse	1,294.91
Town Officers	3,255.00
Registrars	250.00
Elections	221.00
Town Hall	1,237.94
Office Expense	635.64
Incidentals	457.87

Civilian Defense	169.48
Fires & Equipment	1,066.71
New Fire House	6,742.25
Board of Health	765.62
Insurance on Town Buildings	559.10
Workmen's Compensation	729.94
Bonds	123.50
Printing Town Reports	414.49
Memorial Day	149.50
Inspection of Animals	162.00
Inspection of Meats	26.50
Town Dump	50.00
Schoolhouse Loan & Interest	2,105.00
A. A. A. Town	18,229.29
O. A. A. Federal	10,705.81
A. D. C. Town	3,036.35
A. D. C. Federal	1,868.67
Public Welfare	1,780.50
Soldiers' Relief	1,303.66
Charity	1,215.77
Care of Soldiers' Graves	136.00
Rent of Hydrants	250.00
Dog Licenses	342.20
Street Lights	1,032.00
Central Franklin Welfare District ..	352.00
Veterans Service Center	370.00
Retirement System — Maintenance	811.72
Retirement System — Deductions ...	899.18
Withholding Tax	5,635.40
Blue Cross	106.80
Income of Cemetery Funds	69.02
Income of "Cross" Library Fund ...	100.50
Income of M. M. Belding Jr. Fund	
— Library	35.01
County Tax	5,930.55
State Parks Tax	188.90
State Audit	45.15
Abatement of Excise Tax	614.62
Abatement of Real Estate Tax	144.90
Abatement of Poll Tax	2.00
Warning Siren	550.00
	<hr/> \$136,994.77

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1952

Annual Meeting — March 3, 1952

Tree Warden	\$ 300.00
Board of Health	175.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Chapter 90	1,500.00
Chapter 81	4,000.00
Bridges & Railings	500.00
Winter Roads	8,000.00
Town Dump	100.00
Incidentals	350.00
Fires & Equipment	1,000.00
Town Hall	1,100.00
Workmen's Compensation	730.00
Bonds	100.00
Office Expense	450.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	136.00
Inspection of Animals	150.00
Inspection of Meats	100.00
Elections	200.00
Registrars	250.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	600.00
Street Lights	1,032.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots ...	350.00
Administration of Welfare	352.00
Public Welfare & Disability Assist- ance	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,000.00
Town Officers	3,400.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Rent of Hydrants	250.00
Suppression of Gypsy Moths	300.00
Life Guard	400.00
Park	300.00
Ashfield Share — Nurse District ...	1,350.00
Public & Vocational Schools	48,800.00
Civilian Defense	300.00
Legion Quarters	200.00
Veterans Service Center	370.00
County Retirement System Main- tenance	811.72
New Fire Station	* 3,000.00
	<hr/> \$108,656.72

JURY LIST

Robert W. Hooper
Leo VanValkenburg
Frederick D. Kelley, Jr.
Margaret F. Johnston
Robert E. Stark
Jacob G. Kramer

Harold K. Howes
Eli E. Weeks
George D. Mislak
Guy E. Rich
Elvin F. Sandberg
Gilbert H. Howes

JURORS DRAWN

Grand Jury 1952 — Clifford N. Lilly
 1953 — Willis G. Thayer
Traverse Jury 1952
 January — Preston W. Townsley
 September — Donald D. Craft
 1953
 January — Archibauld W. Aitken

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WARD

DONALD W. LILLY

CLIFTON W. SCOTT

Selectmen of Ashfield

Auditors' Report

Ashfield, Mass.

February 2, 1953

I have examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer,
and Tax Collector and find them correct.

GILBERT N. GARDNER
Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Table of Aggregates

Total Valuation		\$ 1,438,882.00
Total Tax		61,075.04
Rate of Taxation		42.00
Number of Polls assessed	321	
Number of Horses assessed ..	83	
Number of Cows assessed	1,002	
Number of Other Cattle assessed	427	
Number of Swine assessed	10	
Number of Sheep assessed	10	
Number of Fowls assessed	10,175	
Number of Broiler Chicks assessed	11,170	

Excise Tax:

Number of Motor Vehicles assessed	608	
Total Valuation		\$ 287,248.00
Total Tax		10,625.69
Rate of Taxation		48.25
Total Abatements		614.62

Special Notice

Poll Tax exemptions under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17-A. Persons over 65 years of age.

Real Estate Tax exemptions under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17. Widows, persons over 75 years and Minors.

Applications for exemptions must be filed with the Board of Assessors, on forms furnished by them, every year as soon as possible after January 1.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. LILLY

CLIFTON W. SCOTT

CHARLES W. WARD

Assessors of Ashfield

Town of Ashfield - Balance Sheet

July 22, 1952

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:	\$ 50,849.45	State and County Assessments 1952:	
Accounts Receivable:		Audit of Municipal Accts.,	\$ 40.41
Taxes:		State Parks & Reservation,	176.73
Levy of 1951:		County Tax,	6,459.66
Personal Property,	\$ 52.65		6,676.80
Real Estate,	396.77	Employees' Payroll Deductions:	
		Federal Taxes,	\$ 166.70
Levy of 1952:		Contributory Retirement System,	48.60
Poll,	\$ 8.00		215.30
Personal Property,	13,365.20	Dog Licenses — Due County,	85.40
Real Estate,	30,775.55	Trust Fund Income:	
		M. M. Belding Library Fund,	\$ 35.01
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	\$ 44,148.75	M. M. Belding Park Fund,	286.21
Levy of 1951,	\$ 34.25	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	61.52
Levy of 1952,	769.40		382.74
		Federal Grants:	
Departmental:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Aid to Dependent Children,	\$ 1,209.48	Aid,	\$ 291.38

Old Age Assistance, Veterans' Services,	5,401.84	Old Age Assistance: Administration, Aid,	303.31
	140.62		756.13
	<u>\$ 6,751.94</u>		<u>\$ 1,350.82</u>
Aid to Highways:		Unexpended Appropriation Balances,	67,876.34
State,	\$ 27,190.15	Sale of Real Estate Fund,	3,800.00
County,	2,500.00	Road Machinery Fund,	4,499.84
	<u>\$ 29,690.15</u>	Reserve Fund —Overlay Surplus,	3,340.37
Estimated Receipts, to be collected	19,513.43	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Due from Frederick A. Cross, General Purpose Fund,	3,000.00	Levy of 1951,	\$ 449.42
Overdrawn Account:		Levy of 1952,	2,324.21
Charity Trust Fund Income,	862.05		<u>\$ 2,773.63</u>
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	\$ 803.65
		Departmental,	6,751.94
		Aid to Highways,	29,690.15
			<u>\$ 37,245.74</u>
		Surplus Revenue,	27,821.87
			<u>\$156,068.85</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$ 6,000.00	School Loan,	\$ 6,000.00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:

In Custody of:

Town Treasurer,
Library Treasurer,

\$ 72,806.29
7,036.68

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Frederick A. Cross General Town Purpose Fund,	\$ 39,918.85
Eliza Miller Charity Fund,	10,545.20
Major W. King Charity Fund,	3,783.77
Susan Howes Charity Fund,	464.14
Salmon Miller Charity Fund,	3,174.05
Whiting Street Charity Fund,	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Charity Fund,	3,235.49
Watson School Fund,	1,024.93
Frederick A. Cross Library Fund,	5,000.00
Frederick A. Cross Cemetery Fund,	2,000.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	1,250.00
	<u>\$ 72,806.29</u>

In Custody of Library Treasurer:

Belding Library Fund Income,	\$ 465.39
General Library Fund,	1,178.97
Lilly Library Fund,	3,298.93
Sarah Norton Library Fund,	2,093.39
	<u>\$ 7,036.68</u>
	<u>\$ 79,842.97</u>

REPORT OF THE BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Cash Balance	\$ 265.61	
Belding Dividend	1,397.95	
Sale of Books	24.00	
Gifts	45.30	
Fees and Fines	26.11	
Frederick A. Cross Library Fund	100.50	
M. M. Belding, Jr., Interest	35.01	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,894.48

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and Services	\$ 712.30	
Books and Magazines	320.79	
Supplies and Equipment	32.03	
Insurance	12.50	
Repairs and Improvements	49.65	
Flowers and Water	29.00	
Bank Charges and Box	11.55	
Fuel	332.29	
Telephone and Lights	120.01	
Balance	274.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,894.48

MARY PRISCILLA HOWES

Treasurer

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 1,211.58
Franklin County Trust Company	255.70
Franklin Savings Institution	220.11
Greenfield Savings Bank (Alonzo Lilly Fund)	1,944.13
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	1,428.31
Northampton Institution for Savings	2,140.75

BOOKS ADDED AT BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Adult Fiction

Alexander	Splendid Summits
Allingham	Tiger in the Smoke
Ames	Danger in Eden
Ames	Reluctant Cinderella
Amos	Borderline Murder
Y Balch	Midnight Colt
Baldwin	Juniper Tree
* Balzac	Catherine De Medici Gambara
* Balzac	Chaouans
* Balzac	Country Parson
* Balzac	Cousin Betty
* Balzac	Magic Skin
* Balzac	Modest Mignon
Bardwell	Calamity at Devil's Crossing
Y Beim	Sunshine and Shadow
Y Bowman	Doctor Angel
Bower	Outlaw Moon
* Bradford	John Henry
* Bradley	Death for My Neighbor
* Brand	Hopalong Cassidy and the Rustlers of West Fork
* Brand	Hopalong Cassidy and the Trail to Seven Pines
* Brand	Tragedy Trail
Brick	Troubled Spring
* Bromfield	Night in Bombay
Brooks	Shining Tides
* Brown	Freeholder
Buck	Hidden Flower
Y Burgwyn	Penny Rose
* Burnett	Little Caesar
* Burnett	T. Tembarom
* Chapman	Happy Mountain
Christie	Murder with Mirrors
Coles	Without Lawful Authority
Corbett	Richer Harvest
* Costain	High Towers
Costain	Son of a Hundred Kings
Covert	Distant Drum
Curtiss	Noonday Devil
Dale	This Tangled Web
* Davis	Reference to Death
Dell	Moon-Calf
Y Deming	Linda Kent, Student Nurse

	Dobbins	Death Trap
Y	Downes	Pilgrim Soul
	Du Maurier	My Cousin Rachel
*	Du Maurier	The Parasites
*	Ermine	Silver Star
*	Erskine	Galahad
*	Erskine	Private life of Helen of Troy
	Evan	Twisted Trail
	Ferber	Giant
*	Field	Coyote Gulch
*	Fletcher	Lusty Wind for Carolina
*	Foley	An Ape in Velvet
	Ford	Devil's Stronghold
*	Fox	Rough Shod
	Ford	The Sycamores
Y	Galt	Story of Peace and War
*	Gay	Wine of Satan
*	Gilbert	Death has Deep Roots
	Goudge	Valley of Song
*	Graham	Earth and High Heaven
*	Gregory	Far Call
*	Halper	Union Square
*	Hamilton	Rimrock renegade
Y	Hawthorne	Scarlet Letter (illus. classic)
*	Heyward	Mamba's Daughters
*	Hocking	Killing Kin
*	Hodgins	Blandings Way
*	Horn	Harold the Webbed
Y	Howard	Candle in the Night
*	Howie	Cry Murder
	Humphries	Home Front Nurse
Y	Jackson	Bold Venture
	James	Trouble at Chaetaw Bend
*	Jepson	Man Dead
*	Jordan	Asylum for the Queen
	Joscelyn	Hostage
*	Kendrick	Flames of Time
*	Kendrick	Out of Control
	Keyes	Steamboat Gothic
*	Kipling	Light that Failed
	Knight	Design in Diamonds
Y	Knight	Day after Tomorrow
*	Komroff	Coronet
Y	Kummer	Perilous Island
*	Lardner	Round Up
*	Lea	Wonderful Country

* Little	Black House
Lovell	And Incidentally, Murder!
Lowell	This Time Forever
Mack	Magic is Fragile
* McFee	Harbourmaster
* McMullen	Strangle Hold
Y Marshall	Nurse with Wings
* Martin	Boxstar Buckaroo
* Martin	Six Gun Town
*Y Mathiews	Stories of Adventurous Fliers
* Meeker	Prairie Avenue
* Meredith	Christmas Card Murders
Moore	Dance and Skylark
Moore	Hidden Boundary
Neill	Traitor's Moon
North	Reunion on the Wabash
* Norway	Chequer Board
Norway	Far Country
* Olivier	Dwarf's Blood
* Pelkie	Colt Law
Y Porter	Laddie
* Queen	Origin of Evil
*Y Rawlings	Yearling
* Reilly	Doll's Trunk Murder
* Reilly	Man with the Painted Head
Y Rich	Trail to the North
* Richmond	Riders of the Red Butte
* Roark	Rainbow in the Royals
* Roberts	Buried Treasure
* Sackville-West	Edwardians
Saunders	Strange Exile
* Savage	Shadow Riders of the Yellowstone
* Schmitt	Confessors of the Name
Schmitt	Gates of Aulis
Shipman	To the Victor
* Sienkiewicz	Pan Michael
Y Silliman	Golden Cloud
* Slaughter	Fort Everglades
Slaughter	Galileans
Smith	Lost Hill
* Stanley	Mountain Men
* Stanley	Rio Patrol
* Stinetorf	White Witch Doctor
Stone	President's Lady
* Thane	Remember Today
Thirkell	Happy Return

- * ThompsonCry and the Covenant
- TurnbullGown of Glory
- * Van DeusonGarden Club Murder
- * VoynichGadfly
- * WallersteinDemon's Mirror
- * WardCanyon Country
- * WentworthIvory Dagger
- * WhiteLord Johnnie
- * WilderHeaven's My Destination
- * WortsLaughing Girl
- WoukCaine Mutiny
- * YerbyGolden Hawk
- ZaraIn the House of the King

Non-Fiction

- * AllenMajor League Baseball
- * AntinPromised Land
- AustinEarth Horizon
- BeebeBook of Naturalists
- BeebeLog of the Sun
- BibleHoly Bible, rev. stan. version
- BithellContemporary Belgian Literature
- * Bourke-WhitePurple Valley
- * BowersTragic Era
- SmithBradford of Plymouth
- * BrickellPrize Stories of 1941
- BronsonJust Reminiscing
- * CabellThese Restless Heads
- * CarrAlcoa; an American Enterprise
- CarsonUnder the Sea-Wind
- * ChapelleHistory of American Sailing Ships
- ChaseBible and the Common Reader
- * ChaseA Goodly Fellowship
- ChaseMexico
- * VandercookBlack Majesty
- ChurchillClosing the Ring
- * CoatesOutlaw Years
- * CoffinMissouri Compromise
- Y CogginsBy Space Ship to the Moon
- CorsonYour Church and You
- CummingsI'm Telling You Kids for the Last
Time
- * CurryClassic Selections from the Best
Authors
- DavisStuart Davis
- DavisBradford's History of Plymouth
Plantation

- * De KruifHunger Fighters
- DouglasBeyond the High Himalayas
- * DuffusValley and its People
- * DupontAutobiography of an American Enterprise
- DurlingPreface to Our Day
- EakinYour Child's Religion
- EisenbergFamily Pleasure Chest
- HicksThis Is Ike
- * AnthonyQueen Elizabeth (1533-1603)
- CrawfordElizabeth the Queen
- * EllsbergOn the Bottom
- * BrooksLife of Emerson
- FellerHow to Pitch
- * FishbeinModern Home Medical Adviser
- FrankDiary of a Young Girl
- FurnasAnatomy of Paradise
- Y LevingerGalileo, first observer of Marvelous Things
- GarrisonProtestant Manifesto
- GouldNeither Hay nor Grass
- GrahamMy Window looks Down East
- GreggHow to Tie Flies
- * HallProtestant Panorama
- HarbinFun Encyclopedia
- HousmanGolden Sovereign
- * KellerYou Can Change the World
- * La FondMexico
- * LamontMy Boyhood in a Parsonage
- * LandonAnna and the King of Siam
- LattimoreChina, a short history
- * LiebPittsburgh Pirates
- LiefFirestone Story
- * RepplierMere Marie of the Ursulines
- MayerGetting Along in the Family
- * MumfordHerman Melville
- MillerThis is Photography
- * MillisThese are the Generals
- * O'NeillStrange Interlude
- OrmeComes the Comrade
- OverstreetGreat Enterprise
- * PalyiCompulsory Medical Care and the Welfare State
- * PrishvinFen Sheng
- * Rama RauHome to India
- Reader's DigestReader's Digest Reader

- * Rittenhouse Little Book of American Poets
- * Chase Abby Aldrich Rockefeller
- Schauffler Christmas
- * Simmons Cancer
- * Steggerud Insects: Year Book of Agriculture
- Busch Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois
- * Stevenson Home Book of Verse, 2 Vol.
- * Stevenson Meey Men and other Tales
- * Strang Role of the Teacher in Personnel
Work
- * Stratton Producing Little Theaters
- * Street I Married A Russian
- Sugrue A Catholic speaks his Mind
- *Y Temple My Young Life
- Thomas Back to Mandalay
- Y Turngren Choosing the Right College
- * Turner Picturesque Old France
- * Van de Water Fathers are Funny
- * Van Loon Life and Times of Rembrandt Rijn
- * Van doren James Branch Cabell
- * Van Dyke American Painting and Its Tradi-
tion
- * Waugh Hot Countries
- Wheeler Stars over Bethlehem
- * White (Dante) Divine Comedy
- * White They Were Expendable
- Y Mann Bob White: Bonus Player
- * Woolcott Long, Long Ago
- Writer's program U. S. One, Maine to Florida
- Yates Hobby Book of Stenciling and
Brush-stroke Painting
- *Y Yost Modern Americans in Science and
Invention
- * Zinsser As I Remember Him

Juvenile Fiction

- * Andros Freddie the Owl
- Austin Gabriel Churchkitten and the
Moths
- Bailey Cherokee Bill
- Bell Ride Out the Storm
- Bemelmans The Happy Place
- Boylston Sue Barton, Staff Nurse
- Burgess Adventures of Jerry Muskrat
- Burgess Adventures of Old Man Coyote
- Burgess Adventures of Paddy the Beaver

- * ChoateLysbet; Story of Old New York
- CoatsworthBoston Bells
- DalySeventeenth Summer
- FarleyBlack Stallion's Filly
- FarleyBlack Stallion and Satan
- FarleySon of the Black Stallion
- FennerElephants, Elephants, Elephants
- FlackAsk Mr. Bear
- GoldbergWait for the Rain
- FriskeyChicken Little, Count-to-Ten
- * HognerBlue Swamp
- KeeneClue of the Black Keys
- LipkindEven Steven
- LongDavid Farragut, Boy Midshipman
- McCloskeyOne Morning in Maine
- McGrawMocassin Trail
- MeeksBow Wow! Said the Kittens
- MeigsDutch Colt
- MurphyWild Stallion
- O'BrienSilver Chief, Dog of the North
- PrestonSnoop Waits for Dinner
- SeredyGypsy
- SewellBlack Beauty, New Ed.
- SmithJennifer is Eleven
- * StinetorfChildren of North Africa
- StinetorfChildren of South Africa
- TathamCherry Ames, clinic nurse
- TraversMary Poppins in the Park
- WeirGreat Big Noise
- WayneWrong-Way Rookie
- Non-Fiction
- * AdamsSanta Fe Trail
- * BarnouwLand of William of Orange
- BeimCountry Garage
- * ChartersAll Through the Day
- CoyFirst Book of Presidents
- * DaughertyLanding of the Pilgrims
- * EifrigOur Great Outdoors; Reptiles,
Amphibians and Fishes
- * KantorLee and Grant at Appomattox
- * KjelgaardExplorations of Pere Marquette
- * KunitzJunior Book of Authors
- * LawsonPocahontas and Captain John
Smith
- LeysonManty, the Mantis
- Little Small Red Hen
- * ModakLand and People of India

- * NanaLand and People of Sweden
- * NazaroffLand of the Russian People
- * NeubergerLewis and Clark Expedition
- Penn. Writer's Television
- Peter Rabbit
- * PrattMonitor and the Merrimac
- * RueFrom Barter to Money
- * SmithNumber Stories of Long Ago
- StreetLand of the English People
- Three Little Pigs
- * TrumppEvery Child's Pet Book
- * VanceMartha, Daughter of Virginia
- ZaffoBig Book of Real Trucks

* indicates *gift* books

Y indicates *Youth* or *Teen-age* books

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY NURSE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

I herewith submit my report as Public Health Nurse for the towns of Sunderland, Whately and Ashfield. The total number of visits for the three towns was as follows:—

Non-Communicable Disease	618
Post Partum Visits	64
Under 5 years of age	108
Health Consultation	121
School Visits	303
Home School Visits	83
Transportation	33
Dental Clinics	10
Tuberculosis	11
Ante Partum Visits	20
Acute Communicable Disease	33
Not at home	19
Total	1,423

The number of visits made in Ashfield was as follows:

Non-Communicable Disease	230
Post Partum Visits	39
Under 5 years of age	55
Health Consultation	32
School Visits	49
Home School Visits	19
Transportation	6
Dental Clinics	3
Tuberculosis	1
Acute Communicable Disease	4
Ante Partum Visits	15
Not at home	3
Immunization Clinics	3
Well Child Conference Clinic	1
Total	460

It is encouraging to see the work expand. The number of visits is increasing, and the increase in Post partum

visits is particularly noticeable. New mothers are being kept a short time in hospitals, and the doctors in charge of the cases are often very happy to know there is a Public Health nurse in the community to whom the mother can turn for help in the care of the new-born baby and herself.

In the three towns there were 109 known cases of measles and of these, 39 were followed up for after-effects, e. g. sore eyes, sore throat, muscle pains, etc.

The usual well child conferences were held. Dr. Low conducted the clinics in Ashfield and Conway, and Dr. Wallace in Sunderland and Whately. They were very successful, and their success was due in great part to the industry of the voluntary workers.

The annual Immunization Clinics were held, and they were conducted by Dr. Craft, Dr. Colleran and Dr. Rice.

At the end of September the nurse was given permission by the Public Health District to attend an In-Service Public Health Training Course at the University of Massachusetts. This is the first time this course has been given in Massachusetts. Lectures were given by eminent educators, and field trips were arranged to various hospitals and clinics. The nurse feels very grateful for the opportunity to take part in this course. Her place, during the two months absence, was taken by Mrs. Vesta Canney, of Whately, and to her goes a special "thank you".

To conclude this report, I would like to thank all of you who have helped so generously throughout the year, the superintendent of schools, teachers, doctors, state workers and voluntary workers of the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGRETTA McCANN

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DISTRICT

To the Citizens of Sunderland, Whately and Ashfield:

I take pleasure in submitting my fourth annual report of the Public Health District.

Routine work has been carried on throughout the year with the efficient services of Miss Margreta McCann as nurse.

At the annual meeting in April all officers were re-elected — Mrs. Armond LaBelle of Ashfield as vice-chairman and Clarence F. Clark in that capacity in Sunderland. The treasurers of the towns automatically serve as treasurers and their financial accounts will be found elsewhere in the town reports.

At the August meeting in Ashfield it was voted to grant Miss McCann a leave of absence for two months in order that she could accept a \$300 scholarship offered by the State Department of Health, for study at UM where a special course was arranged for public health nurses. As only a few were chosen throughout the state, we are indeed fortunate that our nurse was selected.

During her absence, Mrs. Vesta Canney of Whately, a registered nurse, was appointed for the nursing duties of the district. This was considered a wise and satisfactory choice.

The meeting in Whately in December was devoted to the discussion of the budget. Miss McCann will again serve at her present salary, but was voted a travelling increase from seven to eight cents a mile.

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the town committees for their splendid co-operation and all who in any way helped at the well-child clinics which were considered quite successful.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY G. STRIPPE

Chairman of the
Public Health District

Central Franklin Welfare District

1952

Balance January 2, 1952 \$ 1,921.27

Receipts:

Town of Shelburne	\$ 800.00
Town of Colrain	448.00
Town of Ashfield	352.00
Adm. O.A.A. U. S. Grants	1,826.63
Adm. A.C.C. U. S. Grants	447.48
Adm. Disability Ass't U. S. Grants	75.68
Adm. State	1,779.16
Retirement Deductions	228.86
Withholding Tax Deductions	709.70
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 6,667.51</u>

Total \$ 8,588.78

Payments:

Arlene V. Winchester, Agent	\$ 2,520.00
Luella T. McCloud, Clerk	2,059.88
Joseph R. Amstein, Treasurer ..	75.00
Travel Expense	159.25
Rent	204.00
Retirement Assessment	163.19
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Office Supplies & Expense	898.42
Retirement Fund Deductions	109.70
Total Payments	<u>\$ 7,028.29</u>

Balance December 31, 1952 \$ 1,560.49

Reconciliation of Book Balance

Bank Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 1,923.79
Checks outstanding December 31, 1952	<u>363.30</u>

Check Book Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 1,560.49
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JOSEPH R. AMSTEIN

Treasurer

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

I herewith submit my report as Fire Chief and Chairman of the Fire Station Building Committee.

We have had another quiet year as far as fires are concerned. We have had no expensive building or brush fires and only a normal amount of chimney fires. This is not due entirely to luck but rather to common sense and good judgment of the townspeople where fire and fire hazards are concerned; Let's keep up the good work.

The new fire station was started as soon as the snow was off the ground. Most of the hired work was done by local people except the plastering which was done by Ernest Staelens of Conway. The foundations by Burpee Phinney, the carpenter work by Michael Pollen & Son, plumbing and heating by Howard Cranson and electrical work by Carl Dige.

Considering that there were no finished blueprints, I believe the carpenters did a remarkable job of making a building look so well and fit so nicely with the other buildings on the street.

It was gratifying to have so much money, material and labor donated by the townspeople as it gave us a much better building than we could possibly have had with the money raised for the purpose.

Before the building was completed the American Legion purchased an ambulance which is now kept in the new fire station. This makes an ideal place for it as it is checked over each week by the firemen when they check the fire equipment and is reasonably warm when it needs to be used.

The old building which is now the club room has been remodelled by the Firemen's Association. A sink and gas stove have been installed and the room has been used often this winter not only by the firemen but by the Rod and Gun Club and a first aid class.

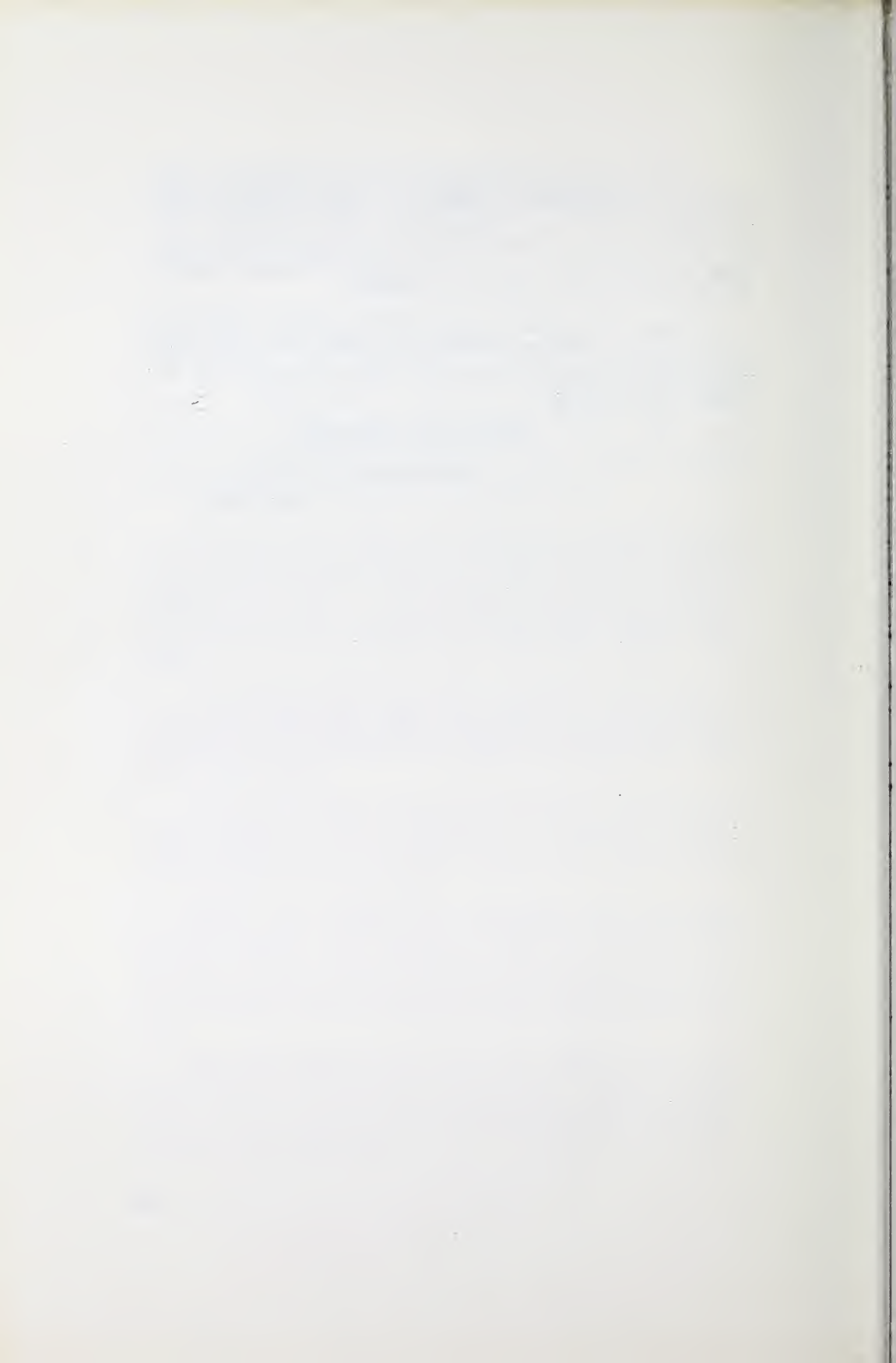
A seven and one half horse power siren has been purchased by the American Legion and Firemen's Association and given to the Town, this we hope will be installed beside the bell in the Town Hall steeple. In looking over the possibility of installing the siren I found the framework supporting the bell to be in very poor condition.

I hope and expect a sum of money will be raised and appropriated at Town Meeting to replace this framework and install the siren leaving the bell to be used noon and night as in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD CRANSON,

Fire Chief.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1953

Winter term begins January 5, 1953

Vacation February 21st — March 2nd

Vacation April 18th—27th

School year ends:

Elementary June 11, 1953

Sanderson Academy June 19, 1953

School year begins September 9th, 1953

Christmas Vacation December 23rd — January 4th, 1954

(School is closed for all legal holidays)

SCHOOL CENSUS

<i>Ages</i>	5-7	7-14	14-16	<i>Total</i>
Boys	10	59	14	83
Girls	9	53	14	76
Total in School	14	112	28	159
Pre-School	14	0	0	14
Pupils 7-16 Years	140	Pupils over 16 Years in School 17		

ESTIMATED INCOME 1953

School Department, Town of Ashfield

School Aid	\$ 10,518.14
State reimbursement for transportation	5,230.75
State reimbursement, salary and transportation of Supt.	1,391.98
Vocational	2,040.26
State Ward — Tuition and Transportation	1,642.09
Tuition and Transportation from other towns	1,224.62
Dog Tax	246.94
To raise by taxation	26,705.22

SCHOOL BUDGET — \$ 49,000.00

INCOME

Appropriation	\$ 48,800.00
School Aid	\$ 10,518.14
Supt. Salary and Travel	1,391.98

Vocational Education	2,043.98	
Transportation	2,043.11	
Tuition — "Other Towns"		
Buckland	377.98	
Plainfield	484.16	
Transportation of Buckland Pupils	92.00	
English Speaking Classes	5.50	
Dog Tax	350.30	
State Wards (1951)	2,055.35	
Unexpended Balance	1,190.25	
Local Taxation	23,393.96	
Smith Hughes		233.48
George Barden Travel Fund		100.00
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	\$ 49,133.48	\$ 49,133.48

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE

Expenses of School Committee	\$	42.48
Salary of Superintendent		
Gardner, C. Warren		1,864.96
Expenses of Superintendent		
Gardner, C. Warren — Travel & Expenses \$	280.00	
Office Clerk	700.00	
Office Equipment & Supplies	113.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,093.73
Expenses of Principal		64.31

HIGH SCHOOL

Salaries of Teachers		
Bruce E. Bradford, Principal	\$	3,558.36
Henry J. Rouba		400.04
Barbara Cranston		1,214.50
Frances A. Gray		1,380.50
Catherine Higgins		2,365.00
Arthur E. Silva		2,397.44
F. Hazen Carr		445.50
W. L. Rinehart		100.00
Olive Thayer		85.25
Roberta Cowell		253.33
Pauline Nye		34.00
Arch Swift		170.41
Mrs. Walter Loomis		441.30
Raymond T. Drew		66.72
	<hr/>	\$ 12,912.35

ELEMENTARY

Salaries of Teachers

Joseph A. Kosiorek, Jr.	\$ 945.00	
Robert C. Denesha	945.00	
Arthur E. Silva	187.56	
Annabelle Hall	1,372.12	
Dorothy Laughlin	1,350.00	
Vivien Fuller	2,385.00	
Lucille Pease	152.50	
Marjorie Snead	945.00	
F. Hazen Carr	148.50	
Raymond T. Drew	133.28	
Thomas J. Mansour	1,350.00	
Ruth Hallowell	2,199.82	
Pauline Nye	160.00	
Arch Swift	92.09	
Ethel Williams	48.00	
W. L. Rinehart	200.00	
Olive Thayer	196.00	
Roberta Cowell	306.67	
Winifred D. Looney	8.00	
Thelma C. Rowland	8.00	
		\$ 13,132.54

SCHOOL COSTS

High School Texts

South-Western Publishing Co.	\$ 33.71	
Wilcox & Follett Co.	66.35	
Scott-Foresman & Co.	31.04	
		\$ 131.10

Elementary Texts

Scott-Foresman & Co.	\$ 82.51	
Wilcox & Follett Co.	80.40	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	4.00	
Silver Burdett Co.	32.19	
Rand, McNally Co.	15.86	
Allyn & Bacon, Publishing	15.11	
Ginn & Co.	85.89	
		\$ 315.96

High School Supplies

Milton Bradley Co.	\$ 123.06	
Cooperative Test Division	4.18	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	7.84	
Eastern Textile Co.	15.86	
Al's Gift Shop	1.17	
C. S. Hammond & Co.	18.95	

C. W. Ward, Express	1.55
Cambasco Scientific Co. ....	.62
T. P. Day	42.58
R. H. Reniff, Garage	1.50
Clint W. Lee	29.33
Catherine Higgins	1.99
A. Flanagan Co.	12.82
The Willis Music Co.	9.72
California Test Bureau	5.03
Rubank, Inc.	5.37
Miller Paper Co.	51.86
Bruce E. Bradford	2.05
Elmer's Store	4.96
National Geographic Society	1.00
Aldei Gregoire	5.62
Educational Music Bureau, Inc.	79.37
Douglas Graves	4.33
John W. Wilson & Co.	39.44
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	15.64
Forbes Camera Shop	2.88
The Mayfair	6.70
The MacMillan Co.	9.94
American Education Press	4.40
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	5.15
Wright & Potter Printing Co.	10.34
Houghton Mifflin Co.	15.04
Chronicle Guidance Publications	12.50
Civic Education Service	13.50
Scott-Foresman & Co.	3.31
Modern Laundry57
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	\$ 569.87

Elementary Supplies

J. B. Lippincott Co.	\$ 19.38
Allyn & Bacon Inc.	14.93
News, Map of Week, Inc.	16.50
American Education Press	51.50
Junior Scholastic	30.00
J. L. Hammett Co.	23.61
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	5.14
Milton Bradley Co.	145.00
Science Research Association	3.13
California Test Bureau	32.96
The Willis Music Co.	4.85
Rubank, Inc.	2.68
Miller Paper Co.	44.26
Bruce E. Bradford .....	.45

Beckley-Cardy Co.	46.66	
Educational Music Bureau, Inc.	15.48	
Wilcox & Follett Co.	7.06	
Scott-Foresman & Co.	110.92	
Row, Peterson & Co.	6.80	
McCormick-Mathers Publishing Co.	20.26	
National Geographic Society	1.00	
Elmer's Store	3.51	
Douglas Graves	4.33	
Forbes Camera Shop	2.89	
Aldei Gregoire	5.63	
Silver Burdett Co.	66.22	
Webster Publishing Co.	84.35	
Athletic Trainers & Supply Co., Inc.	5.82	
Chronicle Guidance Publications, Inc.	12.50	
Rand McNally Co.	7.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 795.44
Visual Education		
Ideal Pictures	\$ 16.45	
Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc.	28.77	
Bruce Bradford	6.57	
Pictorial Events	7.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 59.14
Janitor		
Frank Carter Salary	\$ 1,724.30	
Frank Carter, Extra Work	316.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,040.45
Fuel		
S. K. Nelsom Co.	\$ 55.20	
Davis & Daggett Co.	1,132.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,187.61
Miscellaneous I		
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 655.81	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. ..	140.04	
Lawrence Van Cor	3.00	
Kendall Mills	7.58	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	60.43	
Robert H. Nye	6.00	
Edward E. Babb	26.14	
Elmer's Store	5.93	
Ashfield Water Co.	150.00	
Edward L. Cantor Co.	149.73	
Miller Paper Co.	207.90	
Commissioner of Public Safety	5.00	
Pichette's Service Station	1.30	
Spencer Turbine Co.	3.92	
Automatic Oil Heating Co.	26.07	

Reniffs Garage .....	.45	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	17.50	
C. W. Ward	1.29	
Ralph S. Pease	9.75	
		\$ 1,477.84
Maintenance or Repairs		
Howard Cranson	\$ 39.75	
George V. Corsiglia Co.	28.42	
M. M. Phinney	37.61	
Carl J. Dige	120.89	
Carlisle Hardware Co.	10.48	
Robert H. Nye	5.00	
Reniff's Garage	2.00	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	116.52	
Greenfield Wallpaper & Paint Co.	3.00	
D. Borgo	100.00	
Howard H. Pease	18.42	
Power Equipment Co., Inc.	240.73	
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	17.96	
O. I. Hayes	4.50	
Milton Bradley Co.	31.79	
		\$ 777.07
Library		
The Springfield News Co.	\$ 13.71	
Barrett & Baker	5.30	
American Book Co.	1.99	
Houghton Mifflin Co. ....	.47	
Ginn & Co.	1.50	
Laidlaw Brothers .....	.39	
The John C. Winston Co. ....	.47	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	20.93	
The MacMillan Co.	1.64	
Lyons & Carnahan	1.05	
Silver Burdett Co. ....	.48	
Scott-Foresman & Co.	1.92	
		\$ 49.85
Health		
H. L. Craft M.D.	\$	155.00
Transportation		
C. W. Ward	\$ 5,750.00	
Everett Rice	531.00	
Flora Tredick	259.50	
		\$ 6,450.50
Miscellaneous II		
C. W. Ward	\$ 200.00	
Dr. William C. Kvaraceus	35.00	
		\$ 235.00

New Equipment		
The Spencer Turbine Co.	\$ 29. 32	
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	12.00	
Royal Typewriter Co.	940.00	
Deerfield Lumber Co.	13.49	
Miller Paper Co.	104.01	
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	110.00	
Robert J. King	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,248.82

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Teacher's Salaries		
John O. Walker	\$ 1,302.00	
Robert Williams	63.00	
Henry J. Rouba	1,124.96	
R. H. Reniff	250.00	
Travel and Expense		
John O. Walker, Travel	\$ 149.98	
John O. Walker, Boy's Travel	4.12	
Expenses		
John O. Walker	11.72	
Reniff's Garage	28.24	
Frank Carter	2.60	
Charles Ward	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 221.66
Supplies		
Clark Hardware Co.	\$ 6.80	
Edward E. Babb Co.	6.11	
Miller Paper Co.	3.23	
French-Bray Printing Co.	8.05	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	1.71	
National Farm Book Co.	1.75	
Pichette's Service Station	4.90	
Nasco, Inc.	44.18	
	<hr/>	\$ 76.73
Janitor		
Frank Carter	\$ 108.34	
Fuel		
Davis & Daggett	\$ 62.74	
Miscellaneous I		
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 36.41	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	9.21	
Kendall Mills .....	.42	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	13.77	
Elmer's Store .....	.28	
Edward L. Cantor Co.	8.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 68.41

Repairs

George V. Corsiglia Co.	\$	1.58	
Howard Cranson		1.24	
Spencer Turbine Co.		1.85	
Automatic Oil Heating Co.		12.68	
	-----	\$	17.35

Magazine Subscriptions

American Poultry Journal	\$	1.00	
The American Society of Agronomy		3.00	
	-----	\$	4.00

\$ 47,993.21

Respectfully submitted,

ASHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DOROTHY D. CRAFT, *Chairman*

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY, *Secretary*

LEO VANVALKENBURG

Report of SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Ashfield: -

I hereby submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Ashfield.

The following four teachers left the system in June:

Miss Dorothy Laughlin	Grade 5
Mr. Thomas Mansour	Grade 4
Mrs. Annabelle Hall	Grades 6 & 7
Mr. John Walker	Agriculture

Faced with the problem of limited room at Ashfield coupled with large elementary grades, it has been necessary this year to make numerous changes in classroom arrangement. To facilitate these changes, new teachers have been employed, and grades have been divided. Mrs. Marjorie Snead, a teacher of ten years experience, has been engaged to teach Grade IV and part of Grade V; Mr. Robert C. Denesha, a graduate of American International College, Springfield, has been employed to teach Grade VI and part of Grade V; and Mr. Joseph A. Kosiorek, Jr., of American International College, is teaching Grades VII and VIII. The Second Grade has been divided, with part of the group meeting with Mrs. Hallowell, and the remainder of the grade meeting in Mrs. Fuller's room.

The present assignment of Grades 7 and 8 to one room with a full-time teacher is necessary for a number of reasons: (1) to overcome weaknesses in instruction which were apparent when high school teachers were forced to complete their daily schedule by teaching some subject to the eighth grade; (2) to relieve the crowded conditions in the elementary grades (by moving the seventh grade, and thus permitting the present operation of divided grades); and (3) to provide rooms for the scheduling of all required high school subjects in the morning, as is necessary with our present agricultural department set-up. None of these arrangements are perfect, from the standpoint of good educational practice, but I feel that the advantages of the present arrangements far overshadow the disadvantages that would exist were we to continue as we did last year.

At the high school level, changes have also been made. As mentioned in my report of last year, the agricultural department had to be reorganized to meet requirements established by the State Department of Vocational Education. After meetings of the Agricultural Advisory committee, and a joint meeting of the School Committee and the Agricultural Advisory Group at which time Mr. John Glavin of the State Department outlined possible solutions to

our problem, the School Committee, following the recommendation of the Advisory Council, voted to employ an instructor whose teaching load would be divided between academic subjects and the agricultural program. Accordingly, Mr. Henry J. Rouba, a graduate of the University of Vermont, who had been previously teaching for two years in Richmondville, N. Y., was employed. At the present time he teaches two classes of algebra, and devotes the rest of his time to agriculture. As a result of this change, it is necessary to have all required high school academic subjects in the morning so that boys electing agriculture will be free to have this subject in the afternoon. This plan will be in operation until such a time as the enrollment in the vocational agriculture increases to a point where the department can again operate on a full-time basis. Explanation of the schedule of the department may be found in Mr. Rouba's report.

Due to the increased interest in business training, we have introduced typewriting and bookkeeping in the high school. Mrs. Walter Loomis, of Shelburne Falls, has been employed to teach two classes in typewriting and one class in bookkeeping and general office practice. At the present time we have eight typewriters, which, in the two periods, give opportunity for instruction to 16 students. 10 students are enrolled in the bookkeeping class.

Since my last report, Mrs. Roberta Cowell of Cummington has been employed as Supervisor of Vocal Music in the school, and Mr. Arch D. Swift, of South Deerfield, is in charge of instrumental music. Mrs. Cowell's program of helping the teacher — through observation of instruction and demonstration — to teach music has proved beneficial to both the pupils and the teachers. A program of instruction has been set up, so that definite objectives have been determined for each grade.

Mrs. Olive Thayer resigned as Art Supervisor due to illness at home, and Mr. Raymond F. Drew of Haydenville has been appointed to serve as Supervisor of Art.

In looking to the future, there are two problems which I feel should be given consideration by all who are interested in the education of our children: (1) Physical Plant and (2) Teachers Salaries.

(1) At the present time, we do not have enough room to meet the daily classroom needs. Actually, we have two classrooms in the high school which are equipped with desks and chairs and reference materials. While these rooms are being used, the cafeteria and the agriculture room must also be used for classes. In these rooms tables and chairs or benches are used for the students; maps, books, etc. are not readily available, and both rooms are subjected to interruptions which are not conducive to learning. The library may be used as a class room as long as we have no more than ten or twelve students in the room, and the music room may be used for small groups. At the present time, with the largest high school class num-

bering 14 students the available space can be used with the existing inconveniences. However, when our larger elementary grades enter the high school the lack of room will be a major problem and must be met.

(2) The fact that Ashfield pays the lowest teacher's salary allowed by law is going to prove a problem for us in securing and keeping the best teachers. Because of the higher salaries offered in other communities, it is going to be difficult to keep the fine staff of teachers that we now have. I realize that increased cost of school materials have necessitated increases in the school budget in recent years but I feel too, that the best possible teachers should be secured to use these materials. The mere fact that our children are living in a small rural community should not deprive them of the right to receive an education comparable to that received by children who happen to be living in a large city. We can provide the best of materials and equipment for our children, but unless we also provide teachers who can use these materials with the best interest of the children in mind, the money spent on materials is wasted. I recommend that a minimum salary, comparable with that paid in other communities of our size and evaluation, be established, with a definite policy of annual increments to retain good teachers once we get them.

This year, contrary to my estimate of last year, we have been able to reduce the per pupil cost of education from the 1951 figure of \$196.27 to a cost for 1952 of \$194.60. This reduction has been made even though additional teachers have been added to our faculty, and new books and equipment have been purchased. As a result of this saving, the school department expenditure for the year 1952 was \$47,609.75 instead of the estimated \$48,800.00, a saving of \$1,190.25. Since this budget contained salaries for our new teachers for only four months of the present year, September to December, the inclusion of the cost of these teachers for a full year will cause a slight rise in our estimated expenditures for 1953. Through careful planning, and realization that the education of our children cannot be sacrificed in any way to reduce a budget item, I feel that our school can continue to maintain its present high educational level at an estimated cost of \$49,000.00.

I want to express my appreciation to the members of the school committee for the cooperation that they have given me, and for the understanding manner in which they have received my recommendations; and I want to express my thanks for the cooperation of the teachers and the citizens as we work together in the interests of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

C. WARREN GARDNER
Superintendent

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Date Hired</i>
Bruce E. Bradford	Principal	Boston University	M. Ed.	1951
Arthur Silva	Social Studies Physical Education	Suffolk University	B. A.	1951
Catherine Higgins	Home Economics	Framingham Teachers College	B. S. in Ed.	1951
Frances Gray	English	Boston University	B. S.	1951
Barbara Cranston	Languages	Michigan State	B. S.	1951
Margaret Loomis	Commercial	Bay Path Institute		1952
Henry J. Rouba	Algebra Agriculture	University of Vermont State Agricultural College	B. S. in Agric.	1952
Joseph A. Kosiorek	Grades 7 & 8	American International College	B. S. in Ed.	1952
Robert C. Denesha	Grades 5 & 6	American International College	B. S. in Ed.	1952
Marjorie Snead	Grades 4 & 5	Syracuse University	A. B.	1952
Vivien Fuller	Grades 2 & 3	Lowell State Teachers College	B. S. in Ed.	1948
Ruth Hallowell	Grades 1 & 2	Boston University	B. S. in Ed.	1951

Report of School Principal

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith submit my second report as Principal of Sanderson Academy.

Enrollment — October 1, 1952

<i>Grades</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<i>Total</i>
Boys	12	9	9	2	14	10	2	11	6	7	5	5	92
Girls	7	8	10	11	9	2	8	8	5	7	2	6	83
Total	19	17	19	13	23	12	10	19	11	14	7	11	—
Total Enrollment —													175

Attendance

There has been a trend towards improvement in the attendance at our school. This I feel is because parents realize the effect of unnecessary absence upon a child's progress. Personal sickness or death in the family are the only legitimate reasons for absence from school.

Course Changes

We have been able to add several new commercial courses to the program of studies. Mrs. Walter Loomis is the instructor and is doing an excellent job. It is hoped that this program might be expanded still further because it is desirable to have two years of typewriting and shorthand so as to better prepare our graduates for future endeavor.

In the Vocational-Agriculture program we have followed the State supervisor's suggestion and have Mr. Henry Rouba conducting academic subjects in the morning and the Vocational-Agriculture studies in the afternoon. The instructor has adapted himself to the divided program very well thus helping both programs.

Elementary Grades

The pupils of the elementary grades are progressing satisfactorily. Much individual attention is given to youngsters that have been found falling behind in their studies. The teacher cannot always give as much time to a particular individual as may be necessary

and often the parents have been willing to assist by doing extra work at home. All teachers are willing to supply any parent with written suggestions and work that may be done at home if the youngster is falling behind in school work. We would like to thank the parents that have showed this interest because it is only through this type of cooperation that we can be most helpful to the pupils.

Physical Education

This subject has been organized here at our school for only one year and many things are being added in the line of equipment and activities. This fact notwithstanding, we feel that the program has helped many of the youngsters who are usually left on the side lines in that they are brought into the play situation by constant encouragement and instruction. In the high school program the boys have found that the calisthenics are purposeful and often prerequisites for drill in the armed services. The girls have found an accepted release for much of their abundant energies. They participate in conditioning exercise, volleyball, basketball, softball, foot races and many other activities that are desirable for physical growth.

The varsity athletic teams are going through a development period because of the number of players that graduated last year. The girls team, with Miss Catherine Higgins as coach, are working smoothly as a team and appear outstanding in their class, and the boys basketball team is working hard to become proficient in order to keep our winning record.

Other School Activities

The art program is being conducted by Mr. Drew. He meets the elementary pupils once a week and also conducts an art period for interested high school pupils.

Music in the school is supervised by Mrs. Roberta Cowell. She supervises the teachers and helps them develop better techniques for teaching so that music will be considered an integral part of school life rather than a once a week novelty.

A policy of allotting time for the purchase of Defense Stamps, as a means of saving by the pupils, has been inaugurated this year. Stamps are sold on Tuesday of each week, and the large percent of pupils purchasing stamps regularly has proved the value of this added service.

Because of the great need for spiritual stability all over the world and the stress and strain of our times, we have a period devoted to religious education. It must be realized that to be educated one must have a spiritual as well as an academic understanding. Thus we are pleased that the local churches have been able to sponsor out of town teachers to meet with the pupils during the religious education period.

Evaluation

Last year, because it was not possible for the present administration to schedule the testing services of some outside agency, the intelligence and achievement tests were administered in all grades by Mr. Gardner. The results helped to point out strengths and weaknesses in our program, and gave us a better picture of individual progress. This year we have been able to obtain the services of the Boston University Testing Bureau who will give a battery of achievement, intelligence and aptitude tests at the high school level. In addition aptitude tests have already been administered to students in Grades 11 and 12 by Mr. S. J. Yeager, Jr., of the Office of Employment Securities in Greenfield. All of these test results, although not a final analysis of pupil ability, achievement or aptitude, will give us added information upon which the teacher, student, and parent together may plan for the student's future.

Recent Graduates

In June, 15 students graduated from Sanderson Academy. Graduates were:

David John Blake	Nancy Elizabeth Lober
Frances Elaine Cole	Nancy Mae Reniff
Charles Henry Dane	Aldine Thayer Sandberg
Philip Horton	Marilyn Thayer
Beverly Ann Keyes	James Irving Van Valkenburg
George Gardner Lesure	Douglas Allan Ward
Joan Kathryn Lilly	Arthur Linwood Williams, Jr.
Lois Ellen Williams	

Of the 15 graduates, four entered college; three entered junior college; two are in nurses training; two are in the armed services and the others have obtained suitable employment in and around Ashfield.

I wish to thank the members of the school committee and Mr. Gardner for the splendid direction and leadership offered to me this past year. The faculty must be complimented on the cooperation and assistance, without which no successful school program could have been achieved. To the parents, interested citizens of Ashfield, and most particularly to the pupils of our school, I thank you for helping wholeheartedly in any improvements and successful goals accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE E. BRADFORD
Principal

Report of Home Economics Instructor

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith submit my second report as Home Economics teacher at Sanderson Academy.

This year there are seven girls enrolled in the Home Economics Department. Due to the change in the eighth grade curriculum, the girls in that grade have been eliminated from the Home Economics program. They will begin taking Home Economics in the ninth grade, at which time they will have more time to give to the course; they will be quicker to learn and will progress more rapidly.

The classes are smaller than before, with the result that the students are able to get more individual attention, and are able to work about twice as fast as they did last year.

September found us once again studying foods and nutrition with particular emphasis on dinners and meat cookery. One week of our program was given to canning for the hot lunch program. We canned tomatoes and apple sauce. During our foods program this year, we plan to include such units as pastry and foreign foods.

We have also started clothing projects and since the present class is rather advanced, we are able to work with the more difficult patterns and materials.

Our laboratory is being improved all the time. Last summer the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. installed a new electric range, at their own expense, to be used by the Home Economics Department. Our new Singer heavy duty sewing machine, which has just recently arrived, is a definite asset to the clothing classes. It has not only increased the student's interest and efficiency but also allows them to do things that were impossible with outdated machines. One more addition to the department is another electric mixer which was presented to us by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. last spring, when the Home Economics girls won first prize in a fashion show held in Greenfield.

We have organized a chapter of the F.H.A. and the following officers have been elected:

President Patricia Phillips
Vice-President Constance Williams

Secretary Elizabeth Cole
Treasurer Marguerite Howes
Delegate Winona Hathaway

The first meeting this fall was held in Waltham and five of our girls attended. We are looking forward to many activities which should benefit the girls, their school, and their community.

I wish to express my thanks to you, Mr. Gardner, the Principal, and the school committee for their assistance and cooperation. I also want to thank all of the other teachers who have cooperated to make this year a very pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE P. HIGGINS

Report of Agricultural Instructor

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith transmit the annual report of the Department of Vocational Agriculture for the year of 1952.

A sound, progressive and prosperous agriculture is necessary for the economic stability of this nation. It is the major purpose of vocational agriculture education to train the present and prospective farm boys in high school to become successful farmers of tomorrow. To be a successful farmer today not only requires an individual to have good managerial ability, but also a good understanding of economical and technological developments affecting his operations. These farm boys of today will be tomorrow's leaders, who will guide and preserve the kind of America that has been built for us by former generations.

Enrollment — Six students were registered in the Department of Vocational Agriculture; three in the Freshman class; one in the Sophomore class; one in the Junior class; and one in the Senior class. Due to this small enrollment the four grades have been grouped together for the four periods in the afternoon. The Junior and Senior boys are together in the fifth period. During the sixth and seventh periods all four grades are together, and in the eighth period only the Freshman and Sophomore boys are together. In the

morning, the four periods are devoted to two Algebra subjects and one to carry out the managerial responsibilities of the Audio-Visual Department. The present arrangement of classes has proved satisfactory with the conditions as they exist.

Course of Study —The present four year course of study has been planned to develop the abilities which are essential to the proficiency of farming and to the development of rural leadership, to correlate with the present supervised farm programs of the student and to meet the needs of the community as indicated by the farming enterprises found in Ashfield.

The Four Year Course of Study:

Farm Mechanics	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
Supervised Farm Program	15.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Future Farmers of America	10.0%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
Soils and Field Crops	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Animal Husbandry	10.0%	10.0%	15.0%	7.5%
Poultry Management	5.0%	7.5%	5.0%	2.5%
Farm Management	5.0%	10.0%	10.0%	20.0%
Forestry Management	5.0%	7.5%	5.0%	2.5%
Vegetables and Fruit	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	2.5%
Orientation and Guidance	7.5%	5.0%	5.0%	10.0%
Fair, tests, trips, etc.	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%

The course of study is flexible to meet any changing situations.

The general education of the vocational agricultural students are met by the following required subjects; English I, II, III, IV; General Science, Biology, Mathematics I, II; American History and Modern History.

Farm Mechanics — Farm Mechanics instruction is a very important part of the program in vocational agriculture. Due to our present economic conditions more and more work has to be done by farm machinery and electrical appliances — buildings have to be altered or built to save labor and time in doing daily chores and fields have to produce more and more per acre. The farm operator has to have mechanical ability, interest and understanding in care of his land, buildings and machinery.

With the aid of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, the course in farm mechanics has been altered to meet the needs of the present agricultural students who come from the farms. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Reniff to have him instruct the students in the art of arc and oxy-acetylene welding. Following this course of welding, the students will study the operation, care and maintenance of farm machinery at Smith and Petersons in Shelburne Falls. This farm machinery course will be supplemented with class instruction and farm

work. Woodworking has and will be taught periodically as the need arises for making class or individual projects for the farm.

Supervised Farm Program — In 1951 the average capital investments in land, livestock, buildings and machinery of an average dairy farm in the Northeast was \$27,200. Thus farming requires greater investments and is more complicated than are many small businesses in the town or city. The Supervised Farm Program enables the student to accumulate capital, livestock, feed and lead him to successful establishment in farming. Greater still is the leadership and experience that the student receives from his farm program. It may be said that the Supervised Farm Program is the heart of the Vocational Agriculture Program. All of the students have planned and organized farm programs to meet the goal of establishing themselves in farming. Five of the boys have interest in dairy and the other boy is interested in both dairy and poultry.

Future Farmers of America — The Ashfield F.F.A. Chapter is one of the many chapters that belong to the national F.F.A. Its aim is to develop leadership, character, cooperation, thrift, sportsmanship, citizenship and public speaking. Though small in size, the Ashfield chapter has taken the right foot forward in attaining these skills and abilities.

Arthur Williams, a September graduate, was awarded the Bay State Farmer Award Degree last Spring for his outstanding leadership, accomplishments in F.F.A. and agricultural work, scholarship and farm program. Only two former students were able to meet the requirements in winning this F.F.A. degree in 39 years of Sanderson Academy Vocational Agriculture Department's history.

Douglas Field, Stephen Doneilo and David Fuller were awarded the Greenhand degree. No Chapter Farmer degrees were awarded.

The Ashfield F.F.A. dairy and poultry teams competed at the local, regional and state judging contests. Gerald Van Valkenburg placed 10th among 69 contestants in the Massachusetts Interscholastics Dairy Judging Contest at Amherst. This enables Gerald to compete for the Massachusetts dairy team this Spring.

The chapter has made several monthly radio broadcasts on Woody Brown's Farm Program over station WHAI. Each Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock, one of the four county F.F.A. chapters inform the public of their accomplishments and activities of the farm, chapter and the classroom.

The funds from the first annual scrapdrive will be used to purchase a dairy or poultry project for each incoming Freshman.

F. F. A. Woodlot — The woodlot furnishes the students an excellent laboratory for carrying out proven forestry management prac-

tices. The group spent a week in the woodlot in learning to identify species of trees and making a cruise for estimating species of trees and volume. A five year program has been planned for carrying out the managerial practices. After five years, the twenty-six acres should be completely weeded out of all undesirable species of trees and shrubs, all wolf and disease trees removed and all marketable timber cut. A road sign is planned to be built to indicate that the woodlot is under the Ashfield F.F.A. management.

Agricultural Advisory Committee — The Agriculture Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Malcolm Clark, has met several times with the agricultural instructor to discuss the various agriculture problems that have arisen.

I wish to thank the members of the school committee, Superintendent of Schools, the teachers, the Administrative staff, members of the Agricultural Committee, parents of the agricultural students and the people of Ashfield for their interest and cooperation in promoting the progress of the Vocational Agriculture Department.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. ROUBA

Report Of Vocal Music Supervisor

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In March when I began my work in Ashfield, I found the teachers to be most cooperative in trying to carry out a different method of music teaching. Because room teachers do the bulk of music teaching during the week, we feel that they should be well-founded in music-teaching methods. Therefore, on the day when the supervisor is present, the room teacher carries on a lesson after which his methods and presentation are criticized, discussed or commented upon. Part of the lesson is carried on by the supervisor from which the room teacher is supposed to observe new and helpful teaching aids for his daily work. We feel that this method has proved most successful during the few months in which it has been employed and, on the whole, progress in music has been most gratifying.

The high school glee club received favorable comment from the critic at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival. We find that although we are some way from perfection, we have the nucleus for an excellent choral group, and hope to improve toward more favorable comment this year.

In addition to festival activities, the glee club participated in exercises for class day and graduation.

The final public performance of the year was presented on the last day of the school year by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. Both Mr. Kosiorek and pupils are to be commended for their hard work and excellent performance, for the music was not easy, and the program required unusual cooperation.

I wish to thank room teachers for their splendid cooperation and willingness in accepting new ideas and criticism so graciously in an effort to bring more and better vocal music to the boys and girls of Ashfield. My thanks are extended also to principal, superintendent, and school committee for their support of music education.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERTA U. COWELL

Supervisor of Vocal Music

Report Of Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent and School Committee of the Town of Ashfield:

During my first few months at Sanderson Academy I have deeply enjoyed working with your teachers and among your children.

My teaching policy is to blend instruction in traditional drawing, design, and color with freedom of individual expression. The latter is stressed in grades one through six wherein there are ages at which a child, in his natural creative development, works more according to feeling than according to vision, and ages also at which too strict criticism of art work causes the child to become later the adult who says "Of course, I can't draw a straight line." From the sixth grade up, and as requested, I think it wise to instruct in academic drawing, proportions, varieties of perspective, qualities of design, and characteristics of color.

In the upper grades a variety of materials is also important, and I should like to express appreciation for the supplies we have at our disposal for all classes. When possible I have used materials that don't cost (for example: newspaper for gesture-drawing and paper-pulp work).

A few particularly successful projects have been: Thanksgiving murals in Grades 1-2 and 4-5; cut-paper pictures in Grades 2-3; murals related to class reading in Grades 5-6; murals of historical buildings in Grades 7-8; and model stage-set designs in the high school group.

For my professional improvement I am attending a drawing class each week in Amherst.

I am grateful to the Superintendent, the Principal, and the teachers for their constant friendly cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND T. DREW
Supervisor of Art

Report Of Band And Orchestra Instructor

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Last May I was asked to come to Sanderson Academy to work with the band and orchestra and help them to prepare for the Memorial Day Exercises and Commencement Exercises. I found the groups very co-operative and enjoyed working with them very much.

This fall I was able to arrange my schedule so that I could have one rehearsal each week for the band and one for the orchestra, and I find that the students are making progress. There is considerable interest shown among other students in becoming members of the band or orchestra, so I have organized a beginners' group that meets for instruction after the Senior Band rehearsal.

In order to make the organizations interesting to the students, I try to use compositions that are playable and of good quality, as well as of different types of music. In order to have pieces that are interesting to all I make special arrangements whereby each player will have a part to play that suits his ability. In this way we can play better music and create more interest in each individual and give the ones who are not so advanced a chance to play a part that is not too difficult.

The Orchestra, Band, Choral groups and all who are connected with them are looking forward to the opportunity given us this year for a midyear concert in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Bruce Bradford who has done so much in organizing and advising both the band and orchestra. His interest and co-operation have helped immensely to make the organizations successful.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCH G. SWIFT

Report of the School Nurse

Mr. Warren C. Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The physical examinations began as soon as school opened in September, conducted by Dr. Craft. No serious defects were noted, but quite a few children had flat feet and exercises were encouraged. The trend now is to examine certain grades each year thereby giving the school physician time to do a complete examination and also to have the parent present if he so desires.

The Hearing and Vision testing were completed and follow-up work was done with those who had difficulty with the tests. The Audiometer and Vision Testing apparatus are owned by the State and sometimes we have to wait until quite late in the year before we can use it. It would be to the advantage of the town if the School Union could own both of these articles. The children could have these tests done early in the year before their studies have advanced.

Immunization clinics were held in the Spring by Dr. Craft. Most of the children had Booster shots two years ago and will not need another for some time yet. These clinics are open to pre-school children from six months of age. The series of three shots against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough are given. Any mother in the town who wishes to attend is welcome.

Dr. Glade Hall held his Dental Clinics in the late Spring and they were well attended. Parents are to be congratulated on their realization of the importance of early dental care.

There were seventy-two known cases of measles in Ashfield, but no child had a serious complication from the disease.

Two children went to Greenfield Health Camp, one boy and one girl. Both returned after a very enjoyable vacation.

Thank you Mr. Gardner for your generous cooperation during the school year, and to all the teachers who help in the school Health program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGRETTA McCANN
School Nurse

Report of the School Physician

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith submit my annual report as school physician.

The regular yearly examination was made of all pupils.

There has been continued improvement in posture and dental conditions.

There has been no epidemic of contagious disease only minor colds.

Respectfully submitted,

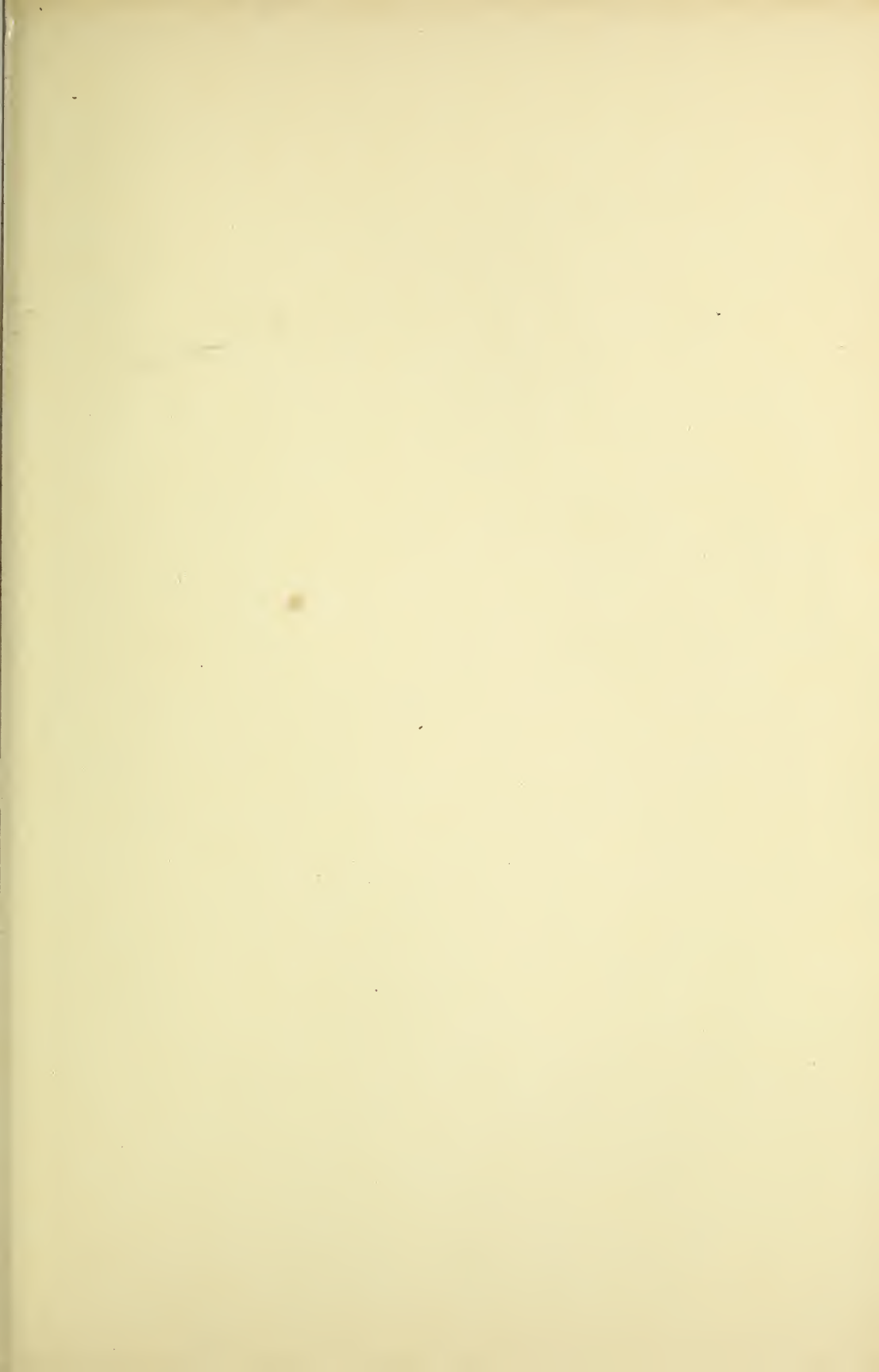
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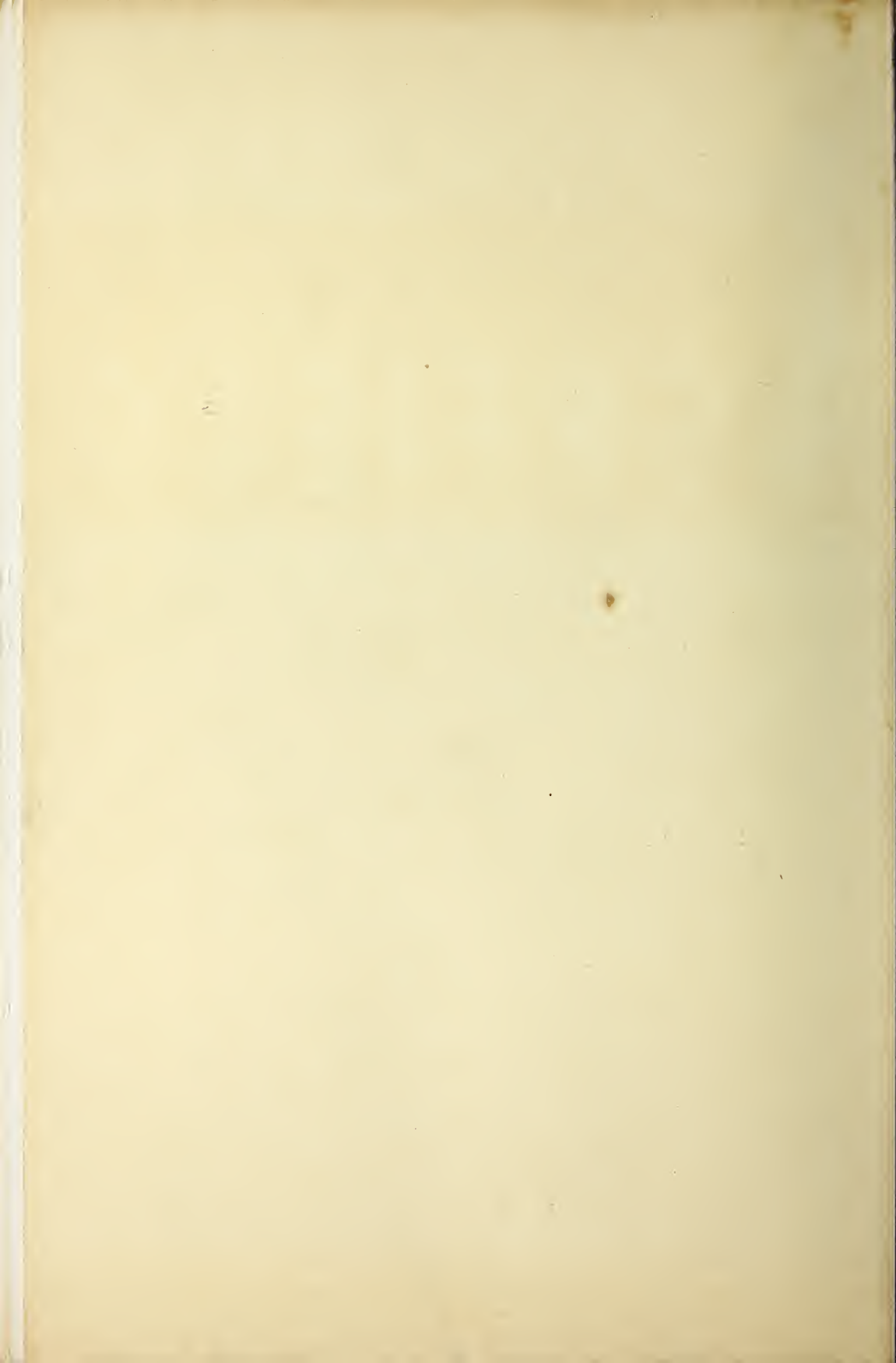




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GILBERT N. GARDNER

Surveyors

Of Wood

GILBERT N. GARDNER
CLARENCE S. HALL
LEON A. ALVORD

Of Lumber

HERMON A. HATHAWAY
ALBERT R. KENDRICK
DAVID C. CARTER

Fence Viewers

CHARLES C. GRAY

PHILIP R. DAMON

Field Drivers

GEORGE C. FIELD

LEON C. SEARS

Dog Officer

RUSSELL L. BURNETT

Tree Warden

GUY R. TANNER

Moth Superintendent

DONALD F. HOWES

Superintendent of Schools

C. WARREN GARDNER

Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

HOWARD A. CRANSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REGINALD W. BILLINGS

Inspector of Meats

FRANK C. RICE

Inspector of Animals

RUSSELL L. BURNETT

Burial Agent

FRANK C. RICE

Pound Keeper

GEORGE C. FIELD

Highway Superintendent

A. LINWOOD WILLIAMS

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield, in the
County of Franklin, *Greetings:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Monday, the first day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, one Selectman, Assessor and Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Member of the School Committee for three years, Auditor, three Constables, Tree Warden, one Library Trustee for five years and one Park Commissioner for three years, all on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at three o'clock.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Tree Warden, or act relative thereto.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Health.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500. under Chapter 90. Said

money to be used, on the Williamsburg Road, in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. under Chapter 90. Said money to be used, on the Watson Road, in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose, or act relative thereto.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the following departments for the ensuing year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee:—

Chapter 81.....	\$ 3,200.
Bridges and Railings.....	500.
Winter Roads	
Town Dump	100.
Incidentals	350.
Fires and Equipment	1,100.
Town Hall	1,300.
Workmen's Compensation	
Bonds	100.
Office Expense	450.
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.
Inspection of Animals	150.
Inspection of Meats	100.
Elections	200.
Registrars	250.
Town Officers	3,400.
Insurance on Town Buildings	600.
Street Lights	1,032.
Printing Town Reports and Ballots	400.
Administration of Welfare	
Public Welfare	
Old Age Assistance	
Aid to Dependent Children	
Disability Assistance	
Soldiers' Relief	

Western Franklin Veterans Serv. Center	440.
Maintenance Franklin County Retirement System	

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as the Finance Committee.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Sec. 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for that purpose.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of Gypsy and Browntail Moths, or act relative thereto.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to hire a Life Guard, accredited by the Red Cross, for the Town Beach.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Park Commissioners.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to hire a Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach, or act relative thereto.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1953 Machinery Earnings (\$7,181.09) to the 1954 Machinery Expense Account, to be used for the purpose of pur-

chasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1953 Ambulance Earnings (\$150.) to the Ambulance Maintenance Fund, or act relative thereto.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the sum of \$ from cash on hand to be applied to reducing the tax rate.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from surplus revenue the sum of \$14,000 for the purpose of financing State and County Grants for Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Maintenance highway work, reimbursement, when received, to be returned to surplus revenue, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for the Town's share of the expense of the Ashfield—Sunderland—Whately Public Nurse District, or act relative thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,000 for the support of the Public and Vocational Schools.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civilian Defense, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000. to build an addition to the present school building. Said addition to be one story high with a flat roof, extending 36 feet west the width of the west wing, providing two classrooms, one 35 feet by 20 feet six inches and the other 35 feet by 23 feet six inches; and ac-

cept a building committee of three members, to be chosen by the Selectmen, to work with the school committee and the Superintendent, or act relative thereto.

CHARLES W. WARD,
DONALD W. LILLY,
CLIFTON W. SCOTT,
Selectmen of Ashfield.

NOTE:—This Warrant appears as a matter of information; the Official Warrant may contain changes and/or additions.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand January 1, 1953\$ 58,652.50

George L. Mowry, Tax Collector:

1951 Tax\$ 51.75

Interest and Costs 4.63

1952 Tax 5,547.42

Interest and Costs 149.46

1953 Tax 51,411.36

Interest and Costs 32.17

1950 Excise Tax 29.44

Interest and Costs 5.67

1952 Excise Tax 472.77

Interest and Costs 6.59

1953 Excise Tax 9,885.74

Interest and Costs 13.56

-----\$ 67,610.56

Treasurer of the Commonwealth:

Tuition of State Wards (1952) 1,652.77

School Aid, Chapter 70 11,524.39

Vocational Education 2,040.26

High School Transportation 5,692.50

School Superintendent's Salary 1,440.00

Refund, Mass. Teachers' Retirement Board 22.50

Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S.

Grant 365.10

George Barden Fund, U. S.

Grant 200.00

Old Age Assistance, U. S.

Grant 9,766.60

Old Age Assistance 10,822.62

Aid to Dependent Children,

U. S. Grant 498.00

Aid to Dependent Children 948.24

Disability Assistance,

U. S. Grant 490.00

Disability Assistance 532.30

Temporary Aid 619.70

Soldiers' Relief 329.94

Meals Tax, O. A. A. 616.35

Income Tax 4,354.72

Corporation Tax, Business	5,480.11	
Chapter 81 (1952)	4,251.69	
Chapter 81	17,287.45	
Chapter 90 (1952)	3,000.00	
Chapter 90 Cape Street	6,000.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1952)	1,000.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00	
Inspection of Animals	82.50	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	70.59	
		<u>\$ 90,588.33</u>

Treasurer of Franklin County:

Dog Tax Refund	\$ 264.94	
Chapter 90 (1952)	1,500.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance (1952)	1,000.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00	
		<u>\$ 4,246.94</u>

Town of Buckland:

Tuition	181.40
Transportation	40.75

Town of Plainfield:

Tuition	690.84
Supt. Office Expense	3.46
Use of Road Machinery	46.40

Town of Cummington:

Supt. Office Expense	3.46
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Town of Goshen:

Supt. Office Expense	3.46
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Town of Huntington:

Old Age Assistance	356.31
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Harold K. Howes, Janitor,

Rent of Hall	687.50
Town Clerk, Dog Licenses	360.20
Withholding Tax	5,519.70
Retirement Deductions	830.74
Blue Cross Deductions	560.20
"Bond" Deductions	450.00
Machinery Earnings	7,034.69
Gravel	27.00
Sale of Old Snow Plow Frames	100.00
Licenses and Permits	127.00
Cancelled Checks, O. A. A.	131.35
Reimbursement for O. A. A.	16.21

Reimbursement for Charity	60.50
Income of Whiting Street Fund	48.42
Income of Charity Funds	274.69
Income of M. M. Belding, Jr. Fund:	
For Library	36.55
For Park	36.55
Income of Frederick A. Cross	
Library Fund	100.50
Income of Perpetual Care Funds	69.02
Collections of Public Health Nurse ..	88.25
Fees of Sealer of Weights &	
Measures	19.40
Georganna Gorman, Scraping Drive	8.25
Bruce E. Bradford, Band and	
Athletic Money	807.99
Ambulance Maintenance Fund	447.87
Ambulance Earnings	150.00
Gifts to Ambulance Fund	476.00
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	\$240,892.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Orders	\$124,676.05
School Committee's Orders	50,134.83
Cash Balance	66,082.11
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	\$240,892.99

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN

Shelburne Falls National Bank:	
Schoolhouse Loan	\$ 2,000.00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

Cash Balance	\$ 66,082.11
Uncollected 1952 Tax	55.48
Uncollected 1953 Tax	5,187.39
Uncollected 1953 Excise Tax	1,207.49
Due from County Treasurer:	
Chapter 90	1,500.00
Due from the Commonwealth:	
Chapter 81	4,437.55
Chapter 90	3,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	
Detour	3,700.00
Tuition of State Wards	1,102.21
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	\$ 86,272.23

TOWN FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1953

Susan H. Howes Fund	482.97
xWatson School Fund	1,027.46
Whiting Street Fund	2,409.86
Henry Taylor Fund	3,325.04
*Major W. King Fund	3,869.62
Salmon Miller Fund	3,322.61
*Eliza Miller Fund	9,521.43
oFrederick A. Cross General Pur- pose Fund	37,478.84

x This fund holds \$1,300 (maturity value) in U. S. Defense Bonds.

* These funds each hold \$2,000 (face value) in U. S. Defense Bonds.

o This fund holds \$18,500 (face value) in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY

Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1952	Name	Parents
May 24	Jeffery Cooper Zalenski	Walter and Barbara (VanNess) Zalenski
June 24	Patricia Carol Cranmore	Robert and Gladys (Fiske) Cranmore
Dec. 30	Jon Andrew Bolaski	Walter and Eunice E. (Gallerani) Bolaski

1953	Name	Parents
Jan. 5	Mabel Patricia Brokos	Vincent and Mary Louise (Taylor) Brokos
Jan. 31	Mary Elizabeth Craft	Clayton C. and Ruth W. (Johnston) Craft
Feb. 16	Susan Elizabeth Nye	Norman N. and Elizabeth S. (Crowell) Nye
Mar. 4	Ruth Priscilla Hall	Richard S. and Mary (Curtis) Hall
Mar. 25	Malcolm Lee Richardson	Douglas F. and Barbara K. (Smith) Richardson
April 20	Bruce MacKenzie Phinney	Malcolm M. and Virginia (Sherman) Phinney
May 31	Donna Grace Phillips	Donald and Gladys H. (Goodnow) Phillips
June 10	Infant Hand	Charles M. and Isabel (Fullerton) Hand
June 17	Margaret Norton Jones	Arnold D. and Helen Keller (Parker) Jones
June 19	Richard Waldo Corbett	H. Waldo and Mary (Daley) Corbett
June 21	Deborah Helene Gardner	Harvey N., Jr. and Katherine (Barnard) Gardner
July 1	Darlene Ann Burnett	Donald E. and Josephine (Anderson) Burnett

- July 1—Edward Walter Blakslee, Jr.
Edward W. and Dorothy J. (Carter) Blakslee
- July 7—Steven Ward Lilly
D. Wallace, Jr. and Ann (Nye) Lilly
- Sept. 3—Mark Edward Pichette
Robert E. and Jeanne (Rivard) Pichette
- Sept. 3—Rosemary Ann Pichette
Robert E. and Jeanne (Rivard) Pichette
- Sept. 8—Roger Allen Fuller
Edward L. and Eleanor M. (Lanoue) Fuller
- Sept. 11—Joseph Gene Chadwick
Frank W. and Eunice A. (Manning) Chadwick
- Sept. 16—David Douglass Willett
George D. and Rose (Pashalian) Willett
- Sept. 16—Diane Rose Scott
Roger B. and Bernice E. (Willis) Scott
- Oct. 5—Keith Edward Lilly
Kenneth A. and Margaret (Roberts) Lilly
- Oct. 6—Brian Curtis Dickinson
Ralph R. and Phyllis D. (Corbett) Dickinson
- Oct. 6—Bruce Colby Dickinson
Ralph R. and Phyllis D. (Corbett) Dickinson
- Oct. 15—Roger Kenneth Graves
Gilbert N. and Marianna (Thalheimer) Graves
- Oct. 26—Elizabeth Jean Adams
Clyde S. and S. Letitia (Rotondaro) Adams
- Nov. 23—Sheila Ann Scott
David A. and Ellene (Anderson) Scott
- Dec. 29—Susan Jean Mislak
George D. and Daisy G. (Mantovahi) Mislak
- (Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)

MARRIAGES

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| Mar. | 14—Donald F. Ouimette
Ashfield, Mass. | Ann Marie Powers
Northampton, Mass. |
| May | 30—Victor K. Marvin
Ashfield, Mass. | Theresa A. Barbeau
Ashfield, Mass. |
| June | 2—Herbert Charles Guyette, Jr.
Colrain, Mass. | Nancy Louise Taylor
Erving, Mass. |

June	28—Elvin F. Sandberg Ashfield, Mass.	Louise (Bilger) Sandy Ashfield, Mass.
July	17—Millard S. Markle Richmond, Ind.	Carolle E. Anderson Ashfield, Mass.
Aug.	1—Harold H. Whitehouse Ashfield, Mass.	Louise Morey Northampton, Mass.
Aug.	2—Gilbert Mason Smith Cummington, Mass.	Betty Ellen Lanoue Ashfield, Mass.
Aug.	22—Dino P. Equi South Deerfield, Mass.	Beverly A. Keyes Ashfield, Mass.
Sept.	5—Clifford N. Lilly Ashfield, Mass.	Ina (Clemons) Tuttle Shelburne, Mass.
Sept.	12—Elwin Raymond Howes Ashfield, Mass.	Sonia Bura New Haven, Conn.
Oct.	10—Raymond E. Ward, Jr. Ashfield, Mass.	Jane Fiske Ashfield, Mass.
Oct.	24—Stanley W. Anderson Ashfield, Mass.	Patrica Ann Jackman Athol, Mass.
Nov.	7—James F. Maloney Shelburne, Mass.	Barbara J. Doneilo Ashfield, Mass.
Dec.	24—Orman Royce Todd Chesterfield, Mass.	Barbara K. Jenkins Ashfield, Mass.
Dec.	31—Richard Norman Denno Northampton, Mass.	Fern Angeline Purinton Northampton, Mass.

DEATHS

	1953	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
/	Jan. 12—Willis Duane Thayer	76	11	11
	Jan. 15—John Boudo	89	11	11
	Jan. 31—Mary S. (Spooner) Manson	90	0	14
	Feb. 8—Maude (Whipple) Morse	83	11	4
2	Feb. 26—Ralph G. Leonard	57	8	0
	Mar. 7—Ruth Priscilla Hall	0	0	3
3	Mar. 17—Olga (Halupa) Bobetsky	62	11	0
	Mar. 25—Olive (Pierce) Burt	66	11	17
	Mar. 31—Leroy Webster Lawrence	76	2	11
	April 14—George H. Woodward	96	2	3

April	22—Rose E. (Terrell) Mc Monegle	89	5	3
April	26—Mabel Strobridge (Snyder) Merkel	73	7	5
4/ May	9—Carrie Emma (Howes) Jenkins)	82	8	29
5 May	19—Harry L. Craft	74	3	23
6 May	31—Louis Edward Pichette	87	0	.0
June	10—Infant Hand			Stillborn
7 July	4—Isabel Hall	88	2	2
July	8—Abbie (Decatur) Blue	77	1	26
July	16—Mattie (Bemis) Childs	83	10	0
8 July	27—Lucian Arthur Robbins	84	8	23
13 July	30—Lester A. Kingman	73	11	5
Aug.	2—Edwin Wheeler Coffin	70	6	4
12 Aug.	25—Raymond Starr Foote	61	4	17
Sept.	4—Irene Norton	70	8	14
11 Sept.	23—Burpee Parker Phinney	69	0	24
Oct.	9—William Bower	81	9	23
9 Nov.	19—George E. Morton	81	9	26
10 Nov.	19—Albert W. Crafts	92	7	18
Nov.	23—James Elliott	88	11	4
Dec.	15—Frederick Logan Johnson	1	9	13
Dec.	19—Robert Allan Burnham	78	9	8

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

1 Kennel	@ \$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
3 Kennel		10.00 30.00
86 Males		2.00 172.00
11 Females		5.00 55.00
52 Spayed Females		2.00 104.00
		—————\$ 386.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$	355.40
Fees retained		30.60
		—————\$ 386.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES ISSUED

19 Resident Citizen Sporting		Free
5 Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting		Free
36 Resident Citizen Fishing	@ \$ 3.25 \$	117.00
69 Resident Citizen Hunting	3.25	224.25
86 Resident Citizen Sporting	5.25	451.50
7 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	1.25	8.75
25 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	2.25	56.25
4 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	2.25	9.00
6 Resident Citizen Trapping	7.75	46.50
4 Special Non-Resident Fishing	2.75	11.00
3 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	7.75	23.25
3 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	15.25	45.75
2 Duplicate	.50	1.50
	—————\$	994.75
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$ 934.00	
Fees retained	60.75	
	—————\$	994.75

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. WHITNEY,
Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Winter Roads

		\$ 7,500.00
Linwood Williams	\$ 885.00	
Arthur Williams	767.80	
Lawrence Tatro	735.35	
Russell Loomis	576.40	
Nelson Graves	161.70	
Edward Dufresne	157.30	
William Whitehouse	64.00	
Dale Tatro	20.90	
Roger Scott	9.90	
Linwood Williams, Sand	333.50	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co., Salt...	510.30	
Herman Hathaway	15.00	
Town of Goshen	8.00	
Dept. of Public Works	36.65	
C. W. Ward Inc.	1,066.88	
Town-owned Equipment	2,109.10	
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		\$ 7,457.78

Chapter 81

Appropriation	\$ 3,200.00	
State Allotment	21,725.00	
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		\$ 24,925.00
Linwood Williams	\$ 1,560.01	
Nelson Graves	1,335.40	
Arthur Williams	1,280.40	
Edward Dufresne	844.80	
Lawrence Tatro	835.45	
William Whitehouse	833.80	
Clayton Lanfair	659.60	
Dale Tatro	570.90	
Lawrence Pike	273.35	
Fredric Scott	264.00	
Malcolm Clark	81.00	
Ralph Townsley	64.85	
Edward Tatro	54.65	
P. J. Monohon	39.60	
Theodore Howes	29.70	
Fred Jenkins	28.60	

William Fuller	23.10
Russell Loomis	22.00
Clifton Scott	19.80
Charles Groff	17.05
Roger Scott	14.85
Richard Hall	9.90
David Brunside	9.90
George Lesure	8.80
Theodore Pease	4.95
Donald Howes	3.85
Richard Clark	3.30
Hermon Hathaway, Gravel	64.80
Mary J. Allum, Gravel	121.20
Henry Warger, Gravel	202.80
Linwood Williams, Gravel	640.20
Belding Park, Gravel	27.00
I. Kramer & Sons, Steel	86.63
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co., Cement	30.94
Frank Allerton	14.85
M. T. Thompson	50.62
C. S. Hall	39.00
R. A. Anderson	90.00
C. W. Ward Inc.	5,521.70
New England Metal Culvert Co.	321.64
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.	130.08
Bill Willard	2,478.54
Koppers Company	2,498.36
Town-owned Equipment	3,695.71

\$ 24,907.68

Chapter 90 Williamsburg

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
County Allotment	1,500.00
State Allotment	3,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund ....	.02

\$ 6,000.02

Linwood Williams	\$ 204.38
Arthur Williams	200.75
Lawrence Tatro	184.25
Nelson Graves	133.65
Clayton Lanfair	87.90
William Whitehouse	20.35

Robert Hardwick	13.50	
Donald S. Graves	12.00	
Dale Tatro	11.55	
Fredric Scott	11.55	
Edward Dufresne	5.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	1,304.36	
Bill Willard	241.50	
Koppers Company	627.40	
C. W. Ward Inc.	2,358.00	
Town of Plainfield	22.50	
Town-owned Equipment	560.88	
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		\$ 6,000.02

Chapter 90 Cape Street

State Allotment	\$ 6,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund14	
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		\$ 6,000.14
Expended in 1952	\$ 4,087.80	
Linwood Williams	91.25	
Arthur Williams	77.00	
Nelson Graves	77.00	
William Whitehouse	75.90	
Edward Dufresne	42.90	
Clayton Lanfair	41.40	
Dale Tatro	40.70	
Lawrence Pike	26.40	
Lawrence Tatro	19.80	
Robert Hardwick	21.00	
Linwood Williams, Gravel	311.85	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	149.63	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	142.00	
Koppers Company	34.61	
C. W. Ward Inc.	534.50	
Town of Plainfield	35.00	
Town-owned Equipment	191.40	
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		\$ 6,000.14

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
County Allotment	1,500.00	
State Allotment	1,500.00	
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		\$ 4,500.00

Linwood Williams	\$ 32.50	
Arthur Williams	77.00	
Lawrence Tatro	46.20	
William Whitehouse	41.80	
Nelson Graves	35.20	
Lawrence Pike	24.20	
Edward Dufresne	11.00	
Clayton Lanfair	9.60	
Dale Tatro	2.20	
Fredric Scott	2.20	
Bill Willard	734.55	
Koppers Company	2,656.85	
C. W. Ward Inc.	540.00	
Town-owned Equipment	286.70	
		\$ 4,500.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance Detour

State Allotment		\$ 3,700.00
Linwood Williams	\$ 27.50	
Arthur Williams	60.50	
Lawrence Tatro	61.60	
Nelson Graves	23.10	
Edward Dufresne	22.00	
Clayton Lanfair	12.60	
William Whitehouse	7.70	
Frank Allerton	24.75	
C. W. Ward Inc., Grits	171.60	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel	86.54	
Bill Willard	244.10	
Koppers Company	2,389.61	
C. W. Ward Inc.	354.00	
Town-owned Equipment	214.40	
		\$ 3,700.00

Bridges and Railings

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Linwood Williams	10.00	
Arthur Williams	8.80	
Lawrence Tatro	8.80	
Russell Loomis	4.40	
William Whitehouse	4.40	
R. S. Hathaway	65.25	
Armand LaBelle	33.00	

Town-owned Equipment	8.70	
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	\$	143.35

Machinery Expense Account

Transferred:

1952 Unexpended Balance	\$ 383.77	
1952 Machinery Earnings	6,743.21	
Old Age Assistance	1,600.00	
Reserve Fund	50.64	
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	\$	8,777.62
Linwood Williams	163.58	
Arthur Williams	108.35	
Nelson Graves	73.15	
Lawrence Tatro	66.55	
Edward Dufresne	52.80	
Dale Tatro	15.40	
Clayton Lanfair	8.65	
William Whitehouse	4.40	
Eastern States Farmers' Exchange..	35.75	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	1,729.93	
I. Kramer & Sons	32.89	
Philip Joyce	21.00	
Robert Clark	331.27	
Howard Cranson	33.66	
Ormand's Garage	39.30	
Week's Electric Shop	45.18	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	1.18	
G. Gilbert Henry	13.00	
C. S. Hall	2.82	
Harold Carpenter	7.60	
Jane Loder	3.64	
Samson's Service Station	6.32	
S. Carlson Co.	6.00	
Ashfield Water Co.	6.00	
Superior Road Blade Corp.	65.25	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	34.55	
Mary P. Howes	386.06	
Reniff's Garage	590.52	
Ashfield Motor Sales	3,998.19	
Northampton Radiator Co.	8.50	
H. Newell & Co.	13.46	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	11.84	
Construction Equipment Co.	250.00	
Perkins Milton Co.	308.17	

Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	302.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,777.62

New Truck

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Ashfield Motor Sales	\$ 2,500.00	
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Tree Warden

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Guy Tanner	\$ 238.48	
Merwin Taylor	42.50	
Arthur Williams	1.10	
Lawrence Tatro	1.10	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	7.40	
Town-owned Equipment	3.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 294.08

Park

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Donald Lesure	\$ 191.40	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	30.00	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	39.76	
Clark Hardware Co.	9.25	
Leslie H. Guilford	4.78	
Harvey Richmond	9.00	
Guy Tanner	12.50	
Ashfield Motor Sales	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 302.69

Life Guard

Appropriation	\$ 400.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	26.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 426.80
Donald Lesure	\$ 426.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 426.80

Public Health Nurse

Appropriation	\$	1,400.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		189.49	
			\$ 1,589.49
Margretta McCann	\$	900.00	
Margretta McCann, mileage		443.53	
Freddie Lee Toczydlowski		55.17	
Billings Drug Store		38.30	
Town of Sunderland		152.49	
			\$ 1,589.49

1952 Nurse Bill

Appropriation	\$	21.63	
Margretta McCann	\$	21.63	
			\$ 21.63

Town Officers

Appropriation	\$	3,400.00	
Charles W. Ward, Selectman, Assessor and Board of Public Welfare	\$	500.00	
Donald W. Lilly, Selectman, Assessor & Board of Public Welfare		500.00	
Clifton W. Scott, Selectman, Assessor & Board of Public Welfare		500.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Clerk & Treasurer		900.00	
George L. Mowry, Tax Collector		450.00	
Donald F. Howes, Moderator		10.00	
Gilbert N. Gardner, Auditor		20.00	
Howard A. Cranson, Fire Chief and Forest Warden		185.00	
Dorothy D. Craft, School Committee		50.00	
Ralph E. Townsley, School Committee		50.00	
Leo VanValkenburg, School Committee		50.00	
Reginald W. Billings, Sealer of Weights and Measures		40.00	
			\$ 3,255.00

Registrars

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Charles W. Ward	\$	25.00	
Donald W. Lilly		25.00	
Clifton W. Scott		25.00	
Walter A. Whitney		25.00	
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		\$	100.00

Elections

Appropriation		\$	50.00
Philip R. Damon	\$	7.00	
Raymond G. Howes		7.00	
Frank M. Darling		7.00	
Frederick K. Hillman		7.00	
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		\$	28.00

Town Hall

Appropriation		\$	1,100.00
Harold K. Howes, Janitor	\$	600.00	
Harold K. Howes, Expense		7.66	
Linwood Williams		40.00	
Lawrence Tatro		35.20	
Nelson Graves		26.40	
Edward Dufresne		26.40	
William Whitehouse		24.20	
Dale Tatro		17.60	
Arthur Williams		13.20	
Clayton Lanfair		9.60	
Russell Loomis		8.80	
Fredric Scott		4.40	
Western Mass. Electric Co.		116.44	
Elmer's Store		8.08	
C. S. Hall		13.91	
Howard Cranson		7.09	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.		13.06	
Ashfield Water Company		10.00	
Harvey Richmond		24.00	
Robert H. Nye		31.70	
Dept. of Public Safety		25.00	
Town-owned Equipment		17.60	
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		\$	1,080.34

Office Expense

Appropriation		\$	450.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	\$	181.84	

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	82.20	
G. Gilbert Henry	64.72	
George L. Mowry	43.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 372.01

Incidentals

Appropriation	\$ 350.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	330.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 680.62
Mass. Selectmen's Ass'n. Dues	\$ 10.00	
Mass. Assessors' Ass'n. Dues	9.00	
Mass. Town Clerk's Ass'n. Dues	7.50	
Mass. Collector's & Treasurer's Ass'n. Dues	4.00	
Franklin Co. Selectmen's Ass'n. Dues	6.00	
Tri-State Fire Chiefs Ass'n. Dues	5.00	
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett, Legal services	78.89	
Charles W. Ward, Expenses	16.75	
Donald W. Lilly, Expenses	21.40	
Clifton W. Scott, Expenses	11.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Return of Vital Statistics	53.00	
Walter A. Whitney, Postage, Typing and supplies	23.63	
Cape Street Survey	5.00	
Treas. of Franklin County, Land Damage	200.00	
Russell L. Burnett, Dog Officer	71.50	
Ashfield Water Co., Water rent	10.00	
Scraping Drive	8.25	
George L. Mowry, Demands	47.60	
Thelma Tobias, Ringing Bell	12.00	
F. Deane Avery Associates	60.00	
Conway National Bank	10.10	
Franklin Co. Register of Deeds	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 680.62

Town Hall Steeple

Appropriation	\$ 400.00	
Ralph S. Pease	\$ 54.00	
Howard H. Pease	38.75	
Howard A. Cranson	28.00	
Raymond H. Reniff	50.67	
C. S. Hall	3.25	

Donald M. Graves .....	.90	
	—————	\$ 175.57

Installing Siren

Appropriation		\$ 1,000.00
R. H. Nye	\$ 801.65	
R. H. Reniff	17.34	
Howard A. Cranson	13.00	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	1.60	
	—————	\$ 833.59

Fires and Equipment

Appropriation	\$ 1,100.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	100.18	
	—————	\$ 1,200.18

Pay Roll	\$ 140.00	
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.	375.56	
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	239.19	
James P. McGrath	125.00	
Linwood Williams	3.75	
Lawrence Tatro	3.30	
Edward Dufresne	3.30	
Town-owned Equipment	4.35	
Bill Willard	33.35	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	41.65	
Reniff's Garage	8.25	
Carl J. Dige	5.36	
Howard Cranson	12.50	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	5.20	
Ashfield Motor Sales	29.92	
G. Gilbert Henry	4.50	
Harvey J. Lowell Co.	165.00	
	—————	\$ 1,200.18

Memorial Day

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Sawyers News Co.	\$ 20.50	
C. Warren Gardner	15.00	
Sanderson Academy Band	100.00	
Doris Howes	6.00	
Douglas Graves	1.71	
	—————	\$ 143.21

Board of Health

Appropriation	\$	600.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		402.40	
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	\$		1,002.40
Hampshire County Sanatorium	\$	775.50	
Town of Greenfield		60.90	
Merle R. Ingraham, M.D.		37.00	
Merritt B. Low, M.D.		90.00	
Vesta Coombs, R.N.		39.00	
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	\$		1,002.40

Ambulance Maintenance

Accepted from Ashfield American Legion Post No. 45, March 2, 1953	\$	447.87	
Gifts		476.00	
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	\$		923.87
G. L. Merriam Co.	\$	26.45	
R. H. Reniff		49.72	
G. Gilbert Henry		114.00	
Robert J. King		24.00	
A. W. Aitken		19.20	
Cosmour Surgical Supply Co.		2.65	
Mass. Fire Equipment Corp.		3.50	
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	\$		239.52

Town Dump

Appropriation	\$	100.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		46.50	
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	\$		146.50
Ella Willis	\$	50.00	
C. W. Ward, Inc.		96.50	
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	\$		146.50

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation	\$		300.00
Merwin C. Taylor	\$	245.00	
Guy Tanner		50.00	
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	\$		295.00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation	\$	150.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		15.00	
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	\$		165.00
Russell L. Burnett	\$	15.00	
Florence L. Burnett		150.00	
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	\$		165.00

Inspection of Meats

Appropriation	\$	100.00
Frank C. Rice	\$	34.25
	—————\$	34.25

Insurance on Town Buildings

Appropriation	\$	600.00
Mary P. Howes	\$	279.55
G. Gilbert Henry		279.55
	—————\$	559.10

Workmen's Compensation

Appropriation	\$	730.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		161.71
	—————\$	891.71
Mary P. Howes	\$	891.71
	—————\$	891.71

Bonds

Appropriation	\$	100.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		32.50
	—————\$	132.50
Mary P. Howes	\$	132.50

Printing Town Reports and Ballots

Appropriation	\$	400.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		81.49
	—————\$	481.49
E. A. Hall & Co.	\$	481.49
	—————\$	481.49

Civilian Defense

Appropriation	\$	300.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$	65.18
	—————\$	65.18

Schoolhouse Loan and Interest

Shelburne Falls National Bank:

Notes	\$	2,000.00
Interest		70.00
	—————\$	2,070.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town

Appropriation		\$ 17,000.00
Expended	\$ 15,198.47	
	\$ 15,198.47	

Federal

Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 201.12	
Check returned, uncashed	45.90	
Received in 1953	9,766.60	
	\$ 10,013.62	
Expended	\$ 9,306.06	
Balance December 31, 1953	707.56	
	\$ 10,013.62	

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town

Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	200.00	
	\$ 1,700.00	
Expended	\$ 1,643.70	
	\$ 1,643.70	

Federal

Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 81.31	
Received in 1953	498.00	
	\$ 579.31	
Expended	\$ 375.37	
Balance December 31, 1953	203.94	
	\$ 579.31	

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Expended	\$ 811.10	
	\$ 811.10	

Federal

Received in 1953		\$ 490.00
Expended	\$ 358.20	
Balance December 31, 1953	131.80	
	\$ 490.00	

Public Welfare

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Expended	None	\$ 00.00

Soldier's Relief

Appropriation	\$ 734.65	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,000.00
Expended	\$ 734.65	
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Reserve Fund

Appropriation from Overlay		
Surplus		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred to		
Board of Health	\$ 402.40	
Town Reports and Ballots	81.49	
Bonds	32.50	
Chapter 90 Cape Street .....	.14	
Chapter 90 .....	.02	
Aid to Dependent Children	200.00	
Town Dump	46.50	
Incidentals	330.62	
Fires and Equipment	100.18	
Inspection of Animals	15.00	
Life Guard	26.80	
Nurse	189.49	
Machinery Expense Account	50.64	
Workmen's Compensation	161.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,637.49

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Winter Roads	\$ 7,457.78
Chapter 81	24,907.68
Chapter 90 Williamsburg	6,000.02
Chapter 90 Cape Street	1,912.34
Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance Detour	3,700.00
Bridges and Railings	143.35
Machinery Expense Account	8,777.62
New Truck	2,500.00
Tree Warden	294.08
Park	302.69
Life Guard	426.80
Public Health Nurse	1,589.49
1952 Nurse Bill	21.63
Town Officers	3,255.00
Registrars	100.00
Elections	28.00
Town Hall	1,080.34

Office Expense	372.01
Incidentals	680.62
Town Hall Steeple	175.57
Installing Siren	833.59
Fires and Equipment	1,200.18
Memorial Day	143.21
Board of Health	1,002.40
Ambulance Maintenance	239.52
Town Dump	146.50
Gypsy Moth	295.00
Inspection of Animals	165.00
Inspection of Meats	34.25
Insurance on Town Buildings	559.10
Workmen's Compensation	891.71
Bonds	132.50
Printing Town Reports and Ballots ..	481.49
Civilian Defense	65.18
Schoolhouse Loan and Interest	2,070.00
O.A.A. Town	15,198.47
O.A.A. Federal	9,306.06
A.D.C. Town	1,643.70
A.D.C. Federal	375.37
Disability Assistance Town	811.10
Disability Assistance Federal	358.20
Soldier's Relief	734.65
Charity	323.11
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Rent of Hydrants	250.00
Central Franklin Welfare District	572.00
Dog Licenses	358.40
Street Lights	1,032.00
Veterans' Service Center	440.00
Retirement System—Maintenance	786.47
Rtirement System—Deductions	842.49
Withholding Tax	5,422.10
Blue Cross	560.20
"Bonds"	450.00
Income of Cemetery Funds	69.02
Income "Cross" Library Fund	100.50
Income M. M. Belding, Jr.	
Fund-Library	36.55
County Tax	6,709.82
State Parks Tax	166.21
Audit	1,180.03
Abatement of Excise Tax	213.95
Abatement of Real Estate Tax	76.00
	<hr/> \$124,676.05

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1953
Annual Meeting — March 2, 1953

Tree Warden	\$ 300.00
Board of Health	600.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,500.00
Chapter 90	1,500.00
Chapter 81	3,200.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Winter Roads	7,500.00
Town Dump	100.00
Incidentals	350.00
Fires and Equipment	1,100.00
Town Hall	1,300.00
Workmens' Compensation	730.00
Bonds	100.00
Office Expense	450.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Inspection of Animals	150.00
Inspection of Meats	100.00
Elections	50.00
Registrars	100.00
Town Officers	3,400.00
Insurance on Town Buildings	600.00
Street Lights	1,032.00
Printing Town Reports and Ballots	400.00
Administration of Welfare	572.00
Public Welfare	300.00
Disability Assistance	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	17,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,000.00
Veterans' Service Center, Maintenance	440.00
County Retirement System, Maintenance	786.47
Memorial Day	200.00
Rent of Hydrants	250.00
Gypsy Moths	300.00
Life Guard	400.00
Park	350.00
Public Health Nurse	1,400.00
1952 Nurse Bill	21.63
Public and Vocational Schools	49,000.00
Planning Committee (School)	500.00
Civilian Defense	300.00
Repairs to Town Hall Steeple	400.00
Installing Siren	1,000.00
New Truck	2,500.00
	<hr/> \$104,657.10

JURY LIST

Leo VanValkenburg	Eli E. Weeks
Margaret F. Johnston	Elvin F. Sandberg
Robert E. Stark	Gilbert H. Howes
Howard H. Pease	Malcolm S. Clark
Raymond H. Reniff	Leslie H. Guilford
David C. Carter	Merton E. Howes

JURORS DRAWN

Traverse Jury 1953 — Willis G. Thayer
 1954 — Frederick D. Kelley, Jr.

Grand Jury 1953
 January — Archibauld W. Aitken
 May — Harold K. Howes
 June — Robert W. Hooper

 1954
 January — George D. Mislak

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. WARD
DONALD W. LILLY
CLIFTON W. SCOTT

Selectmen of Ashfield

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ashfield, Mass.
February 2, 1954

I have examined the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer,
and Tax Collector and find them correct.

GILBERT N. GARDNER

Auditor

BOARD OF ASSESSOR S' REPORT

Table of Aggregates

Total Valuation		\$1,473,355.00
Total Tax		56,629.49
Rate of Taxation		38.00
Number of Polls assessed	321	
Number of Horses assessed	97	
Number of Cows assessed	983	
Number of Other Cattle assessed	451	
Number of Swine assessed	5	
Number of Sheep assessed	38	
Number of Fowls assessed	8,610	
Number of Broiler Chicks assessed	10,000	
Excise Tax:		
Number of Motor Vehicles assessed	638	
Total Valuation	\$	264,140.00
Total Tax		11,944.69
Rate of Taxation		50.42
Total Abatements		833.54

Special Notice

Poll Tax exemptions under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17-A. Persons over 65 years of age.

Real Estate Tax exemptions under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17. Widows, persons over 75 years and Minors.

Applications for exemptions must be filed with the Board of Assessors, on forms furnished by them, every year as soon as possible after January 1.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD W. LILLY

CLIFTON W. SCOTT

CHARLES W. WARD

Assessors of Ashfield

REPORT OF THE BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Cash Balance	\$ 274.36	
Belding Dividend	1,429.52	
Sale of Books	3.67	
Fees and Fines	39.91	
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank ..	1,000.00	
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,555.00	
Gifts	5.38	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,307.84

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and Services	\$ 712.00	
Books and Magazines	213.98	
Supplies and Equipment	16.25	
Insurance	159.40	
Repairs and Improvements	2,577.53	
Flowers and Water	14.00	
Bank Charges and Box	7.75	
Fuel	344.60	
Telephone and Lights	143.81	
Balance	118.52	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,307.84

MARY PRISCILLA HOWES

Treasurer

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Conway Savings Bank	\$ 1,245.10
Franklin County Trust Company	260.83
Franklin Savings Institution	226.76
Greenfield Savings Bank (Alonzo Lilly Fund)	1,984.41
Shelburne Falls Savings Bank	456.51
Northampton Institution for Savings	639.59

BOOKS ADDED AT THE BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Adult Fiction

Ashton	Letty Landon
Barnes	Tudor rose.
* Barnes	With all my heart.
Buck	Come, my beloved.
* Cottrell	Silent reefs.
* Coxe	Never bet your life.
* Cronin	Beyond this place.
Y Daly	Guns of Yorktown.
De la Roche	Whiteoak brothers: Jalna—1923.
* Dickson	Behind the crimson blind.
* Dickson	A graveyard to let.
* Dickson	Skeleton in the clock.
Y DuJardin	Double feature.
* Ellin	Key to Nicholas Street.
* Erskine	Silver ladies.
Farris	Ramey.
* Foley	Wake the sleeping wolf.
*Y Faralla	Magnificent Barb.
* Fenisong	Dead yesterday.
* Fletcher	Roanoke hundred.
* Ford	Bahamas murder case.
Gardner	Green-eyed sister.
* Giles	Enduring hills.
Goudge	Heart of the family.
Hilton	Time and time again.
Humphries	Nurse knows best.
* Innes	One-man show.
Y Irving	Legend of Sleepy Hollow.
Y Irving	Rip Van Winkle.
* Jameson	Journal of Mary Hervey Russell.
* Lockridge	Death by association.
Lancaster	Blind journey.
* Lockridge	Death has a small voice.
Y Lyons	Blue Smoke.
* McCully	Death rides tandem.
Mason	Golden admiral.
Y Meader	Sparkplug of the hornets.
Y Means	Alicia.
Y Scott	Ivanhoe (Great illustrated classic)
Y Montgomery	Golden stallion's revenge.
* Moore	Candlemas Bay.
Y Newell	Cap for Mary Ellis.
* Norway	
(Nevil Shute)	Round the bend.

	Paton	Too late the phalarope.
*	Queen	The king is dead.
	Rawlings	Sojourner.
	Seifert	Lucinda marries the doctor.
*	Selinko	Desiree.
	Slaughter	Storm Haven.
*	Spicer	Golden door.
	Steinbeck	East of Eden.
*	Stout	Tripple jeopardy.
*	Tey	Singing sands.
Y	Tunis	The other side of the fence.
	Turnbull	Rolling years.
*	Walsh	Night watch.
*	Weinreb	Babylonians.
	Williams	Unconquered.

Non-Fiction

*	Aronson	Encyclopedia of furniture.
Y	Banfil	Labrador nurse.
*	Bankhead	Tallulah Bankhead.
*	Coombs	Modern Swedish cookery.
	Cousins	Who speaks for man?
	Cousteau	Silent world.
	Crosby	Call me lucky.
*	Dewey	Journey to the Far Pacific.
*	Dull	Southern cooking.
	Fisher	Vermont Tradition.
*	Ford	Ford Motor at fifty.
Y	Gaer	Holidays around the world.
	Harbin	Recreation leader.
*	Hiscox	Fortunes in formulas.
	Hoover	Memoirs of Herbert Hoover.
	Johnson	History of the town of Hawley.
*	Kieran	Footnotes on nature.
	Lindbergh	Spirit of St. Louis.
	Lippa	Captive surgeon.
Y	Longstreth	Understanding the weather.
	Marshall	Man called Peter.
*	Metzelthin	World wide cook book.
Y	Mudra	David Farragut, seafighter.
*	Mystery Chef	Mystery chef's own cook book.
*	Oursler	Greatest faith ever known.
*	Peale	Power of positive thinking.
Y	Peare	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
Y	Porter	Official all sports rule book.
*	Pinner	When doctors are patients.

- * RawlinsonAncient Egypt.
- RichOnly parent.
- RooseveltIndia and the awakening East.
- * ThomasBook of knitting patterns.
- * ThorntonSea of glory.
- * TrappYesterday, today, and forever.
- TrippLow cost homes.
- * United States Dept.
of AgriculturePlant diseases.
- * Van Der PostVenture to the interior.
- Y WaiteHow do I love thee?
- WeatherheadResurrection and the life.
- Y WilliamsElephant Bill.
- * WilliamsonWinchester the gun that won the
west.
- Y Writer's Prog.American wildlife.

Juvenile Fiction

- * BedfordFrosty the snow man.
- BeimEric on the desert.
- BialkColt of Cripple Creek.
- BrownGolden bunny.
- * BurgessAdventures of poor Mrs. Quack.
- ByrdLoneliest chicken.
- CarrollAlice in Wonderland.
- EarleRobins in the garden.
- FarleyBlack stallion revolts.
- FlackTim Tadpole and the great bull-
frog.
- FosterTell me little boy.
- GeisMystery of the thirteenth floor.
- GreeneLittle red fire engine.
- HaderFriendly phoebe.
- HaderLittle White Foot.
- HenryBrighty of the Grand Canyon.
- HildrethGoing to school.
- KeeneMystery at the ski jump.
- KjelgaardOutlaw Red, son of Big Red.
- LeafReading can be fun.
- LearnarMrs. Roo and the bunnies.
- LoftingDoctor Dolittle's Puddleby adven-
ture.
- McMeekinRoon at the inn.
- MartinCowboy Charley, 4-H champ.
- MunnLittle mailman of Bayberry Lane.
- OrtonMystery of the hidden book.

Scott	Jonathan.
Smith	Boy captive of Old Deerfield.
* Svendsen	Cinderella.
Vinson	Willie goes to school.
Ward	The biggest bear.
Juvenile Non-Fiction	
Bailey	Alabama.
Bailey	Georgia.
Bailey	Minnesota.
Brown	Daniel Boone; the opening of the wilderness.
Childhood Assoc.	Told under the Christmas tree.
Clark	Robert Peary, boy of the North.
Coffin	New England.
Downey	A horse for General Lee.
Erickson	Animals of small pond.
Fisher	Paul Revere and the Minute Men.
Garnett	France.
Graham	Lafayette friend of America.
Grant	Boy Scout encyclopedia.
Leighton	Story of Florence Nightingale.
Havighurst	The Great Plains.
Marshall	God loves you.
Oman	Robin Hood, the prince of outlaws (Child's illustrated classic)
Packard	Geography of the world. Rev. ed.
Smith	William Bradford, Pilgrim boy.
Tibbets	First book of bees.
Zim	The sun.

* indicates Gift books

Y indicates Youth or Teen-age books

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Citizens of Sunderland, Whately and Ashfield:

I herewith submit my report as Public Health Nurse for the towns of Sunderland, Whately and Ashfield for the year 1953.

The visits for the year are recorded as follows:

Non-Communicable Disease	900
Maternal and Child Health	110
Acute Communicable Disease	24
School Health	381
Adult Health Consultations	175
Dental Clinics	21
Transportation	19
Not at home	18

Total number of visits	1,648
Total Receipts	\$434.25

These visits show an increase of 225 on 1952 dated to December 29th, 1953.

The Well Child Conferences were held in each of the towns. Dr. Koehler of Greenfield conducted those in Sunderland and Whately. Dr. Low in Ashfield and Conway. One serious defect was noted and reported to the family doctor for investigation.

The Annual Immunization clinics were held, the attendance was good with an increase in pre-school children who had not been previously inoculated against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

The School health program was continued. There was small incidence of Acute Communicable disease. The schools were visited often and teacher-nurse conferences were held concerning children who might need help. These conferences are invaluable, and often simplify an apparently difficult situation.

I would like to thank all who helped me during the year, the Superintendent of Schools, teachers, doctors, State Workers, and volunteer workers of the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGRETTA McCANN

Report Of Public Health District

To the Citizens of Sunderland, Whately and Ashfield:

Herewith I submit my fifth annual report of the Public Health District.

Routine work has been carried on in the district by Miss Margretta McCann whose detailed report will be found elsewhere in this book. Her duties have been most efficiently conducted.

At the annual meeting in Sunderland last April the following officers were reelected: Mrs. Strippe, chairman; Clarence Clark of Sunderland and Mrs. Armond LaBelle of Ashfield, vice-chairmen and Mrs. Roman Skibiski of Sunderland, secretary.

Others serving are Mrs. Theoren Warner of Sunderland, Mrs. Byron Canney and Mrs. George Tereshko of Whately, Mrs. Raymond Anderson and Leslie Guilford of Ashfield. All were reelected to 3-year terms.

Due to lack of important business the August meeting was omitted. The meeting in Whately in December was devoted to discussion of the budget. No increase was deemed necessary.

Miss McCann was granted a six months' leave of absence to take advantage of a course at Massachusetts General Hospital for the benefit of foreign trained nurses. It was with a great deal of difficulty and much searching before Mrs. Alma Russo of Deerfield was found and consented to assume the duties of the nurse.

In closing I wish to thank the town committees for their co-operation as well as all who helped in any way to make the well-child clinics a success.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY G. STRIPPE

Chairman of the Public Health District

Central Franklin Welfare District

Balance January 2, 1953	\$ 1,560.49
Receipts:—Town of Shelburne	\$ 1,274.00
Town of Colrain	754.00
Town of Ashfield	572.00
Adm. OAA, US Grants	2,486.16
Adm. ADC, US Grants	670.19
Adm. Disability Ass't US Grants	94.19
Adm. State	2,308.80
Retirement Deductions	279.85
Withholding Tax Deductions	855.20

Total Receipts	\$ 9,294.39
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Total	\$ 10,854.88
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Payments

Arline V. Winchester, Agent	\$ 3,355.11
Luella T. McCloud, Clerk	2,240.24
Joseph R. Amstein, Treasurer	75.00
Travel Expense	205.97
Rent	204.00
Retirement Assessment	245.52
Treasurer's Bond	10.00
Office Supplies and Expense	677.56
Retirement Deductions	279.85
Withholding Tax Deductions	855.20
Total Payments	\$ 8,148.45

Balance December 31, 1953	\$ 2,706.43
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Reconciliation of Bank Balance

Bank balance Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 3,032.96
Checks Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	326.53

Check Book Balance Dec. 31, 1953	\$ 2,706.43
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JOSEPH R. AMSTEIN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

In accordance with a vote at the Town Meeting of March 2, 1953 an Ambulance Maintenance Committee consisting of the Selectmen, the Fire Chief, Archibald W. Aitken, Chairman; Guy E. Rich, Clerk; and Walter A. Whitney, Jr. have had charge of the operation and maintenance of the ambulance during the past twelve months.

This Committee appointed and authorized Mrs. Walter Whitney, Jr., to serve as the Chairman of a Ladies Auxiliary Group and to choose her own Committee to give assistance in the care and equipment of the ambulance.

This group of women take great pride in the care of the ambulance, giving many hours of time in keeping all equipment clean and changing the linen immediately after each trip.

A First Aid Class was started with Mr. Roy E. Turton of Shelburne Falls as Instructor. From this group of 18 trained men and women the working crew of drivers, stretcher-bearers, and assistants has been selected.

After the completion of this course the workers voted to meet once a month for practice and review of the lessons and ambulance manipulation.

Both the men and women who now serve the ambulance are volunteer workers who serve without pay and who are available at any time of the day or night to meet the needs of the citizens of this town.

During the past twelve months forty calls have been answered for the use of the ambulance. The Ashfield Ambulance was one of the first out-of-area cars to report, under orders from the Civil Defense Committee, at the Holden Hospital at the time of the tornado disaster.

During the summer an opportunity was given for everyone to contribute toward the finances for the ambulance. A part of the amount received is to be used for current expenses, and a portion will be set aside to accumulate,

in order that sufficient funds will be available when it becomes necessary to purchase another ambulance.

The use of the ambulance is free to any citizen of the Town of Ashfield, when authorized by a doctor. Its services may be secured by having your physician call the telephone operator and she will immediately get in touch with the right crew to handle each case.

A complete financial report of the Ambulance Maintenance Committee is included in the report of the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY E. RICH, *Clerk.*

Report of the School Planning Committee

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

At the March 1953 Town Meeting, an article in the warrant was approved to create a planning committee of three members, to be chosen by the Selectmen to work with the School Committee and Superintendent, to make a study of means for providing at least two additional class rooms in the present school building.

Frank Eldridge, Howard Pease, and the writer, were chosen by the Selectmen and with the School Committee and Superintendent, made a very thorough check of the school building. Our initial plan was to transfer the plumbing facilities of the toilet and wash rooms on both the first and second floors to two new rooms in the southwest corner of the basement under the gym. Each of the present toilet and wash rooms has a small room adjacent. By removing a partition the two rooms could be combined thus giving a new room on each floor.

Arthur Eldridge of Shelburne Falls was consulted and engaged to work up preliminary drawings and a cost estimate on the changeover. The resultant plans were technically satisfactory but unfortunately showed up the fact that

each of the two rooms would be 20 feet 6 inches by 17 feet 8 inches and would accommodate only sixteen pupils each. In other words the rooms would not be large enough to take care of classes which according to present birthrate may number twenty five or more pupils.

At this point, the committee having exhausted all possibilities of finding satisfactory additional space within the present building, could have considered the matter closed, but it was felt that as long as Mr. Eldridge was available it might be well to have him make up preliminary drawings and get a cost estimate on a plan to provide two additional classrooms attached to the west wing of the present building.

These plans show an addition, one story high with a flat roof and extending 36 feet west and the width of the wing, providing two classrooms, one 35 feet by 20 feet 6 inches and the other 35 feet by 23 feet 6 inches with an extension of the present corridor between. The estimated cost of this addition of two rooms is \$28,300.00.

While this committee has failed in its attempt to find what it believes to be satisfactory additional space within the present building, it has succeeded in assembling a few facts and figures which should serve as a basis for further consideration of the problem.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE H. GUILFORD,

Committee Chairman.

Veteran's Agent Report

Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashfield
Ashfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Herewith is my eighth annual report as Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent for the Towns of the Western Franklin District.

The continued interest of Committee members in the District affairs is greatly appreciated and is very helpful.

With the assistance of Gerard M. Fritz, County Treasurer, who attended our last meeting, the Contributory Retirement System has been accepted for the District.

The Massachusetts Bonus for Veterans during the period of the Korean emergency became effective June 25, 1953, and 119 applications were processed after the first of July to the end of 1953.

The total number of requests for assistance was 858 for 1953. Forty-nine boys were registered for Selective Service, and assistance was given to several on Selective Service questionnaires. Photostat machine work was done on Tuesday of each week, and a total of 1,410 prints were made during the year.

A total of 24 applications for Veteran's Benefits were processed during the year, eight new cases, and at present there are fourteen active cases on the books. A total of \$11,481.06 was administered for the district under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws, as amended.

Eighteen applications for pensions have been prepared and forwarded with the cooperation and assistance of Mr. Edward O'Neil, Contact Representative of the Veterans Administration. The benefits received from these pensions have helped to reduce the financial burden to the Towns.

The advice and cooperation of the Contact Representative at this office on alternate Wednesday afternoons during the year have been very helpful.

The cost of operating the Veterans' Service Office for 1953 was \$4,142.58, with receipts of \$8.00 paid to the Treasurer for commercial photostat work done, making a net cost of \$4,134.58.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. SCOTT,
Director.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1954

Winter term begins January 4, 1954

Vacation February 19th — March 1st

Vacation:

Sanderson Academy — April 15th — April 21st

Elementary — April 15th — April 26th

School year ends:

Elementary — June 11, 1954

Sanderson Academy— June 18, 1954

School year begins September 8, 1953

Christmas Vacation December 23rd — January 4th, 1955

(School is closed for all legal holidays)

SCHOOL CENSUS

<i>Ages</i>	5-7	7-14	14-16	<i>Total</i>
Boys	10	59	13	82
Girls	13	59	7	79
Total in School	23	118	20	161
Pre-School	13	0	0	13
Pupils 7-16 Years	138	Pupils Over 16 Years in School		

ESTIMATED INCOME 1954

School Department — Town of Ashfield

School Aid	\$ 11,524.39
State reimbursement for transportation	5,692.50
State reimbursement, salary and transportation of Supt.	1,440.00
Maintenance of Vocational School	1,112.04
Vocational Transportation	180.00
Vocational Tuition	175.00
State Wards — Tuition and Transportation	1,102.21
Tuition and Transportation from other Towns	964.68
Dog Tax	347.95
To raise by Taxation	28,461.23

SCHOOL BUDGET — \$ 51,000.00

INCOME

1953

Appropriation	\$ 49,000.00
School Aid	\$ 11,524.39
Supt. Salary and Travel	1,440.00

Vocational Education	2,040.26	
Transportation	5,692.50	
Tuition — "Other Towns"		
Buckland	181.40	
Plainfield	690.84	
Transportation Buckland Pupils	40.75	
Dog Tax	264.94	
State Wards (1952)	1,652.77	
Teacher's Retirement — Mrs. Loomis	22.50	
Unexpended Balance	206.28	
Local Taxation	25,808.47	
Smith Hughes		365.10
George Barden Travel Fund		200.00
	<u>\$ 49,565.10</u>	<u>\$ 49,565.10</u>

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Expenses of School Committee	\$	30.40
Salary of Superintendent		
Gardner, C. Warren		2,040.00
Expenses of Superintendent		
Gardner, C. Warren — Travel & Expenses \$	476.25	
Office Clerk	699.99	
Office Equipment & Supplies	109.54	
	<u>\$</u>	1,285.78
Expenses of Principal		72.93

HIGH SCHOOL

Salaries of Teachers:

Bruce E. Bradford, Principal	\$	2,400.00
Armand A. Guarino, Principal		1,425.00
Arthur E. Silva		2,726.66
Catherine Higgins		1,440.00
Jeanne Eaves		1,000.00
Frances Gray		1,380.00
Barbara Cranston		694.00
Mrs. Walter Loomis		1,243.20
Dorothy Townsley		24.00
	<u>\$</u>	12,332.86

ELEMENTARY

Salaries of Teachers:

Joseph A. Kosiorek, Jr.	\$	2,380.00
Robert Denesha		1,380.00
Louise Sears		1,000.00
Marjory Snead		1,361.00
George Willett, Jr.		1,000.00
Vivien Fuller		2,460.00
Ruth Hallowell		2,400.00
Ethel Williams		44.00
B. Constance Pollard		40.00
Mrs. Inez Metcalf		8.00
Evelyn Howes		32.00
Lucille Pease		8.00
May C. Monahan		8.00
	<u>\$</u>	12,121.00

SUPERVISORS

Salaries:

Raymond T. Drew	\$ 540.00	
Roberta Cowell	480.00	
W. L. Rinehart	300.00	
Olive Healey	260.00	
Arch Swift	680.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,260.00

Expenses:

Walberg & Auge	\$ 30.41	
Sammy Vincent	20.18	
Milton Bradley Co.	6.21	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	3.15	
J. L. Hammett Co.	10.63	
E. D. Shippee	39.95	
	<hr/>	\$ 110.53

SCHOOL COSTS

High School Texts:

D. C. Heath & Co.	\$ 3.32	
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	30.75	
American Book Co.	17.73	
Ginn & Co.	82.81	
Wilcox & Follett Co.	25.10	
Allyn & Bacon	78.68	
Chas. Scribner's Sons	50.34	
Benj. H. Sanborn	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 289.98

Elementary Texts:

Ginn & Co.	\$ 175.92	
Scott's Foresman & Co.	93.06	
Row, Peterson & Co.	15.65	
Wilcox & Follett	33.04	
Laidlaw Bros.	14.28	
Children's Reading Service of New York ...	5.09	
Silver Burdett Co.	27.90	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	26.50	
The MacMilan Co.	7.36	
Lyons & Carnahan	7.77	
John C. Winston Co.	3.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 410.03

High School Supplies:

Gledhill Bros., Inc.	\$ 100.05	
T. P. Day	29.19	
Henry C. Rouba .....	.62	
Silver Burdett Co.	16.44	
Wirthmore Coal and Grain Co.	9.07	
Bordeen's Inc.	5.38	
American Education Publications	41.70	
Douglas R. Graves	5.65	
Milton Bradley Co.	267.17	
Clint W. Lee Co.	21.73	
Arthur E. Burgess	2.50	
Trustee's of Boston University	16.25	
Cinema Incorporated .....	.95	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3.26	

Elmer's Store	26.72	
Trentwell Mason White	35.00	
Cambosco Scientific Co.	29.29	
Webster Paper & Supply Co. Inc.	16.69	
T. P. Day	2.68	
Educational Testing Service	1.00	
Forbes Snyder	11.85	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	20.65	
To-days Secretary Business Education	2.00	
McGraw-Hill Book Co.	6.56	
American Book Co.	10.98	
Miller Paper Co.	7.32	
Modern Laundry	1.69	
W. E. Aubuchon	2.80	
Jeanne M. Tousignant	4.00	
Scott-Foresman Co.	7.41	
Sanderson Activity Fund	2.30	
Armand A. Guarino .....	.44	
Stump Printing Co.	11.41	
	<hr/>	\$ 720.75

Elementary Supplies:

Gledhill Bros. Inc.	\$ 92.33	
Miller Paper Co.	28.84	
Milton Bradley Co.	287.71	
Douglas R. Graves	12.82	
Junior Scholastics	25.00	
The Continental Press	6.35	
Webster Publishing Co.	67.62	
Marjory T. Snead	5.11	
American Education Publications	31.00	
World Book Co.	22.86	
Ginn & Co.	7.64	
Charles E. Merrill Co.	4.29	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	2.75	
Scott-Foresman & Co.	148.58	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	21.46	
McCormick-Mather's Publishing Co.	38.50	
J. L. Hammett Co.	15.64	
Mantor Hall School	2.25	
Silver Burdett Co.	52.77	
"Wolfes" — Play-By-Color	9.45	
News Map of the Week, Inc.	16.50	
W. E. Aubuchon .....	.55	
Cambosco Supply Co.	29.29	
Cinema Incorporated .....	.95	
Lincoln House	15.01	
Athletic Trainers Supply Co.	5.84	
Gribbon's Music House	12.00	
Stump Printing Co.	11.41	
Champion Publishing Division	3.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 977.88

Visual Education:

Massachusetts Educational Film Corp.	\$ 12.00
Henry C. Rouba	12.43
Informative Classroom Picture Publishers	9.06
Bruce E. Bradford	2.09
Institutional Cinema Incorporated	1.65

Armand A. Guarino .....	.25	
University of Massachusetts	10.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 47.48
Janitor:		
Frank Carter, salary	\$ 1,755.85	
Frank Carter, extra work	283.65	
	<u> </u>	\$ 2,039.50
Fuel:		
S. K. Nelson & Co.	\$ 76.80	
Davis & Daggett	1,095.85	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,172.65
Miscellaneous I		
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$ 548.31	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	193.61	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	49.31	
J. L. Hammett Co.	8.61	
Cascade Paper Co.	69.46	
Elmer's Store	1.99	
Ashfield Water Co.	150.00	
Edward L. Cantor, Inc.	248.04	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
Brunlin & Co. Inc.	56.25	
M. D. Stetson Co.	13.05	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,348.63
Maintenance or Repairs:		
Reniff's Garage	\$ 9.55	
Automatic Oil Heating Co.	60.70	
George V. Corsiglia Co.	28.42	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	65.34	
Ralph Pease	17.00	
Robert H. Nye	24.00	
Tetectrad Service Center	5.00	
Gordon Graves	9.00	
Edmund D. Shippee	5.75	
National Time & Signal Co.	25.05	
Deerfield Lumber Co.	2.79	
Carl J. Dige	23.07	
Howard A. Cranson	10.56	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.	7.50	
Harold E. Carpenter	12.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 305.73
Library:		
American School Board Journal	\$ 3.00	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	4.00	
The Grade Teacher	4.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 11.00
Health:		
Allyn Welch Co.	\$ 42.90	
Mrs. H. L. Craft	75.00	
Modern Laundry	1.33	
Billings Drug Store	12.30	
Dr. Bronie Apshaga	75.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 206.53

Transportation:		
Town		
C. W. Ward	\$ 5,750.00	
Everett Rice	537.00	
Marshal Delphia	70.00	
Flora Tredick	133.50	
Louise Sears	67.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,557.50
Vocational		
Clarence Jenkins	\$ 72.00	
Mrs. Walter Devine	68.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 140.00
Tuition:		
Vocational		
Smith Agriculture School	\$ 137.17	
Town of Greenfield	5.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 142.57
Miscellaneous II:		
Bruce E. Bradford	\$ 42.22	
Charles Branbills	5.00	
C. W. Ward, Express	161.59	
	<hr/>	\$ 208.81
New Equipment:		
H. P. Davenport	\$ 10.24	
Carlisle Hardware Co.	14.90	
Singer Sewing Machine Co.	8.21	
West Disinfecting Co.	13.51	
Forbes Snyder Inc.	287.40	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	7.80	
Greenfield Wallpaper & Paint Co.	413.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 755.06
VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE:		
Teacher's Salaries:		
Henry J. Rouba, Vocational	\$ 2,037.44	
Henry J. Rouba, Academic	1,012.56	
R. H. Reniff	67.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,117.00
Travel & Expense:		
Henry J. Rouba, Travel	\$ 174.48	
Henry J. Rouba, Expense	24.22	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. ..	12.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 210.89
Supplies:		
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	\$ 45.06	
Nasco Inc.	8.00	
Hilmer S. Nelson	3.56	
Assoc. Teachers of Agr. of N. Y.	18.35	
Pichette's Service Station	37.22	
Robert G. Clark	17.20	
The Interstate Printers & Publishers	3.36	
Bordeen's Inc.	1.07	
Henry Rouba	10.49	
Mary Priscilla Howes	75.42	
T. P. Day	1.52	
Deerfield Lumber Co.	14.59	

The G. L. Merriam Co.	59.05	
Milton Bradley Co.	5.62	
Reniff's Garage	2.85	
Ashfield Motor Sales	65.01	
Jane Loder — General Store	1.75	
C. Warren Gardner	2.32	
Elmer's Store	7.50	
Edward L. Cantor, Inc.	3.76	
Rudolph Bros.	3.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 387.47
Janitor:		
Frank Carter	\$	110.12
Fuel:		
Davis & Daggett	\$	66.62
Miscellaneous I:		
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	\$	32.15
Repairs:		
Automatic Oil Heating Co.	\$ 1.60	
George V. Corsiglia Co.	1.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 3.18
Magazine Subscriptions:		
Henry C. Rouba	\$ 3.00	
Poultry Industry	1.00	
New England Homestead	1.00	
Hoard's Dairyman	1.50	
American Society of Agronomy	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 49,524.53
STATE PAID — Vocational — Salary	\$ 365.10	
STATE PAID — Vocational — Travel ..	174.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 539.58
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES		<hr/> \$ 48,984.95

Respectfully submitted,

ASHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DOROTHY D. CRAFT, *Chairman*
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY, *Secretary*
LEO VAN VALKENBURG

ATHLETIC FUNDS

RECEIPTS 1953

Games:		
Charlemont	\$	25.50
Smith Academy		25.20
Wilmington		26.70
Faculty		27.00
Alumnae		24.00
Clark		22.20
Northfield		26.70
Bernardston		15.30
Huntington		30.30
Williamsburg		88.80
	<hr/>	\$ 311.70
Donations:	\$	230.32
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	<hr/> 542.02

EXPENDITURES 1953

Referee's:		
Boys' Games	\$	187.00
Girls' Games		55.00
	<hr/>	\$ 242.00
Supplies:	\$	7.99
Equipment:	\$	279.32
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	<hr/> 529.31
BALANCE ON HAND—IN ATHLETIC FUND—Dec. 31, 1953. 12.71		

MUSIC FUND

RECEIPTS 1953

Memorial Day Parade (1952)	\$	100.00
Memorial Day Parade (1953)		100.00
Donations		65.97
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	<hr/> 265.97

EXPENDITURES 1953

Music:		
Deland's Music Store, Inc.	\$	8.40
Carl Fischer, Inc.	12.92 \$	21.32
Dues		3.50
Uniforms		41.17
Instruments		15.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	<hr/> 80.99
BALANCE ON HAND—IN MUSIC FUND—Dec. 31, 1953. \$184.98		

Report of SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and citizens of the Town of Ashfield:

I hereby submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Ashfield.

The following teachers left the system in June:

Mr. Bruce E. Bradford	Principal
Miss Catherine Higgins	Home Economics
Mr. Robert Denesha	Grades 5 and 6
Mrs. Marjorie Snead	Grades 4 and 5

This year, due to the continued limited classroom space, classrooms have again been re-assigned to facilitate better instruction for all grades. Mrs. Hallowell is teaching Grade I, and Mrs. Fuller has grades 2 and 3. Mr. George D. Willet, a graduate of Salem Teachers College, has been employed to teach grades 4 and 5; Mrs. Louise Sears, graduate of North Adams Teachers College and formerly a teacher in Plainfield, is teaching grade 6. Mr. Kosiorek has returned to teach grades 7 and 8. Mrs. Robert Eaves, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire succeeds Miss Higgins as teacher of Home Economics, Biology, and General Science; and Mr. Armand A. Guarino, a graduate of Dartmouth and Harvard, and a teacher and administrator for six years, has been employed as principal and teacher of Chemistry and Geometry.

The Commercial program which was introduced last year, continues to function with increased interest. Mrs. Loomis is now teaching two classes of typewriting, one class of bookkeeping, and one class of shorthand. Another typewriter has been purchased to permit more pupils to take typing.

The Agriculture program remains on the half-time schedule which was begun last year; with Mr. Rouba teaching Algebra in the morning and Agriculture in the afternoon. This year the enrollment in Agriculture has increased from 7 to 9 but does not yet meet the minimum requirement of 15 students as required by the state for a full-time program.

Mrs. Roberta Cowell of Cummington has returned as Supervisor of Music and is now employed in all schools in Union No. 30. Mr. Arch Swift, of South Deerfield, is in charge of instrumental music, and in addition to the regular work with the band and orchestra, he conducts classes for beginners on Thursday afternoons. Raymond T. Drew, of Haydenville, continues as Supervisor of Art.

In looking to the future, the two problems which were mentioned in last years report continue to deserve consideration. They are: (1) Physical Plant and (2) Teachers Salaries.

(1) At the last regular Town Meeting, the voters authorized a committee consisting of the school committee the Superintendent and three citizens appointed by the selectmen, to investigate the possibilities of securing two additional classrooms at Sanderson Academy. The selectmen appointed Mr. Leslie Guilford, Frank Eldridge and

Howard Pease to serve on this committee. The committee, which has been active since its organization, will report it's findings at the next annual town meeting. As background for this committee's report, I would like to summarize briefly the problem with which we are faced.

ESTIMATED SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR ASHFIELD

GRADE	53-54	54-55	55-56	56-57	57-58	58-59	59-60
1	24	18	20	12	19	22	23
2	16	24	18	20	12	19	22
3	17	16	24	18	20	12	19
4	18	17	16	24	18	20	12
5	13	18	17	16	24	18	20
6	23	13	18	17	16	24	18
7	14	23	13	18	17	16	24
8	10	14	23	13	18	17	16
9	14	10	14	23	13	18	17
10	11	14	10	14	23	13	18
11	15	11	14	10	14	23	13
12	7	15	11	14	10	14	23
TOTAL ELEMENTARY	135	143	149	138	144	148	154
TOTAL HIGH	47	50	49	61	60	68	71
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	182	183	198	199	204	216	225

The above figures are representative of children now living in Ashfield. Figures used for Grade I after 1953-1954 are based only on Town Report births, and do not include children who have moved into town previous to their entrance to Grade I.

From the above chart, which does not consider fluctuation in town population, it can be seen that the present building, which is approved for a capacity of 188 pupils, will not be acceptable after 1955, if the enrollment trend continues. Our problem is not only the number of classrooms, but also the size of classrooms. The high school pupils at the present time are being assigned to rooms on the basis of size rather than on the basis of classroom equipment. As an example, the U. S. History class, numbering 15 pupils, meets in the Home Economics Room while maps, reference materials etc. needed by this group are in the Science room where they are used

by classes in Civics and World History. Small mathematics classes meet in the typing room, while the larger mathematics classes meet in the agriculture room. We do not have available space to assign one room for related subjects. As the larger elementary classes enter high school, our need for larger classrooms is going to become acute.

There are two possible solutions to the housing problem:

(1) Construction of two additional rooms to the present building at an estimated cost of \$28,000.00. With two more rooms made available, elementary grades could be more easily housed in one section of the building, and the present high school room, now used by grades 7 and 8, would be available again for high school classes. If our enrollment increases as is anticipated the present system of two grades in a room will not be possible at all levels. Next year, if the enrollment in the present first and sixth grades is not reduced, each of these two grades should be assigned to one teacher in one room. Each grade in itself is too large to combine with another grade. Assigning each of these grades to a separate room is not possible in the present building, since all available space is now being used.

(2) The second possible solution, and one which would require much thought and study, is to follow the recommendation of the survey committee appointed by Commissioner of Education, John J. Desmond, Jr. and use the present building as an elementary school, and join the other communities in a regional high school. Conclusions and recommendations of the survey committee regarding the school building are included below:

Conclusions:

- 1). The present school site is inadequate either for elementary or secondary school purposes.
- 2). The existing school plant can be economically modified to meet the space requirements of a modern *elementary* school.
- 3). The existing school plant has sufficient special facilities, space-wise, for an elementary school.
- 4.) The present school plant has ample space for accommodating the anticipated school enrollment in grades one through eight in the foreseeable future.
- 5). The present school plant is inadequate for a modern program of *secondary* school education.
- 6.) A structural addition to the present school building for secondary purposes is totally unwarranted in view of the small educational return for the high cost involved.

Recommendations:

1. That the existing school be used ultimately as an elementary school serving grades, kindergarten through six or eight without adding other spaces to this structure.
2. That, if grades 7 and 8 are to be housed in this building, available space be properly equipped for a modern program of industrial arts and homemaking.
3. That Ashfield seriously consider the establishment of a regional high school serving grades nine through twelve or seven through twelve. Such a regional school district

should include towns aggregating sufficient enrollment and tax base to make possible an adequate secondary school program.

4. That no considerable expenditure for the addition of more space to the existing school can be justified.

In returning to the first proposal, of an addition of two rooms to the present building, I think it should be pointed out that, despite the opinions of the survey committee concerning additional space, we cannot continue to provide satisfactory education to our students in all present grades (one through twelve) without either the addition of classroom space or the reduction of the number of grades in the building. All available space is being used now, even to the extent that the Home Economics room, the Agriculture room, and the typing room are being used for other classes when not being used for the purpose for which they were constructed. At the present time we have 135 pupils in the elementary grades using five rooms and seven teachers (actually five teachers when figured on a full-time basis). When broken down on a per-pupil cost basis, the Town of Ashfield paid last year \$136.00 per elementary pupil, and \$362.72 per pupil in high school. The cost to the town of a regional high school would depend upon the size and number of the towns participating in the program. Under the terms of the regional school law, towns participating in a regional school program receive an increase of 15% in annual reimbursement from the school students.

In presenting these two possibilities, I do not intend to favor one plan above the other. I realize that Ashfield has had a high school for many years. There are definite advantages to retaining the present high school. Conversely, there are advantages to a regional high school. I do feel that a clear picture of the school building problem should be presented to the people so that they may weigh arguments on all sides of the question, and make a decision which will be to the advantage of the pupils in Ashfield now and in the future. If a decision to retain the present twelve-grade plan is decided upon, provision will have to be made for additional classroom space. In order to provide the best education for all pupils next year, we are going to have to find at least one additional room in the building or elsewhere if the present enrollment continues. Pupils in Grade I, because of their entrance into a new situation, and their need for constant teacher supervision and direction, should be assigned to one room. Grades II and III which now meet in one room with one teacher, will have an enrollment of 40 pupils; Grades IV and V, will have 35 pupils; Grade VII, with its enrollment of 24 requires a separate room, while Grade VI with 13 pupils, and Grade VIII with 14 pupils are small grades, but so different in respect to age, subject matter, social interest, etc., that the combining of these two grades would not be advisable. Dividing a grade between two rooms, as was done as an emergency measure last year, is not a good solution. Next year, a grade arrangement as follows, would meet our needs and the needs of the pupils temporarily: Grade I; II; III and IV; V and VI; VII and VIII. Such an arrangement will necessitate another room which at the present time we do not have available in the building. Making use of a room in some building in town is not a good solution, but might have to be considered, if such a room could be made available.

Since the decision which is to be made by the people will be a decision which will effect Ashfield's educational policy for many years

to come, I feel that all possible information should be given to the people, and their decision be made after a study and discussion of this information.

The problem of teachers' salaries continues to be with us. With so few available teachers each year, the hiring of teachers becomes increasingly difficult. With larger communities offering larger salaries, it is hard for the teachers we do have to remain here at a much lower salary. In an attempt to attract good teachers and to retain those now on our staff, the school committee has voted an increase of \$150.00 to all teachers effective September 1, 1953, and an increase of \$150.00 effective in September 1954. This increase still leaves our experienced teachers, who will be receiving \$2650.00 per year, below the average salary of \$2700.00 which prevails throughout the state for teachers with a bachelor's degree. The field of education is faced with the same problem of supply and demand as is common today in all walks of life. As the supply diminishes, the demand and the cost increases. Being a small community, of limited income, it is difficult for us to compete financially with the larger communities for teachers' services. However, we can try to stay somewhere near the competition, which is the intent of the School Committee in increasing the teachers' salaries at this time.

The School Committee, in estimating its budget for next year, has reduced items by \$916.00. However, increases in salaries, plus increases in transportation costs for pupils living more than a mile from the bus stop, a new item, "Vocational Transportation", and an additional sum in the Tuition account for pupils attending Smith School, has caused an approximate increase in the total budget of 4%, or \$2000.00. When broken on a per-pupil cost, this increase represents an increase in cost of six cents per pupil for each school day, or \$11.11 per pupil for the school year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the citizens of the town, to all school personnel, and to the members of the School Committee for the understanding and cooperative manner in which they have worked with me for the education of our children in Ashfield.

Respectfully submitted.

C. WARREN GARDNER,
Superintendent

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Date Hired</i>
Armand A. Guarino	Principal	Harvard	M. Ed.	1953
Arthur Silva	Social Studies- Physical Education	Suffolk University	B. A.	1951
Jeanne M. Eaves	Home Economics	University of New Hampshire	B. A.	1953
Frances Gray	English	Boston University	B. S.	1951
Barbara Cranston	Languages	Michigan State	B. S.	1951
Margaret Loomis	Commercial	Bay Path Institute		1952
Henry J. Rouba	Algebra- Agriculture	University of Vermont State Agriculture College	B. S. in Agriculture	1952
Joseph A. Kosiorek, Jr.	Grades 7 & 8	American International College	B. S. in Ed.	1952
Louise Sears	Grade 6	Westfield Normal School		1953
George Willett, Jr.	Grades 4 & 5	Salem State Teachers College	B. S. in Ed.	1953
Vivian Fuller	Grades 2 & 3	Lowell State Teachers College	B. S. in Ed.	1948
Ruth Hallowell	Grade 1	Boston University	B. S. in Ed.	1951

Report of High School Principal

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I hereby submit my first report as Principal of Sanderson Academy.

Enrollment — December 23, 1953

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
1	11	12	23
2	7	8	15
3	11	7	18
4	8	10	18
5	3	11	14
6	14	9	23
7	10	3	13
8	3	8	11
9	7	6	13
10	6	5	11
11	7	8	15
12	5	2	7
Total Enrollment	92	89	181

Attendance

An obvious prerequisite to any academic learning situation is that the learner be present. This fact is recognized in state laws regarding school attendance. In general, attendance has been satisfactory, but improvement can be made. On the whole, parents have been quite cooperative and understanding regarding this problem.

Curriculum

Through alternation of course offerings the curriculum provides adequate preparation for these students who intend to go on to further academic training.

Students planning to enter the commercial field receive basic training in that area.

For those students who do not plan to undergo further training, general educational courses are offered.

It would seem that the need for agricultural training in this predominantly agricultural area would be greater than it is. We have nine students in the Vocational Agriculture Department. The

schedule was revised this year to comply with state requirements, so that, now, all the Agriculture students are in one class for three consecutive periods. This poses the problem of duplication of training for the two advanced students, and necessitates that attention be given to the individual needs of the advanced students if the program is to provide them with continuous educational experiences.

Co-Curricular Activities

In addition to the regular academic curriculum activities in choral music, orchestra, band, art, physical education, religious education, athletics, handwriting, plays, dances, etc., are offered which contribute much to the physical, social, esthetic and spiritual development of our students. The students are fortunate to have such a variety of activities in a school this size, and the majority of students take part in at least one or more of these activities.

Student Council

The Student Council has been progressing quite satisfactorily and will become an effective instrument in promoting the good of the school. The Council has come to understand clearly its function within the administrative framework of the school, and in its deliberation over problems that have come before it has shown a broader and more mature understanding of the various facets of a problem. The members have all shown individual growth in facing problems, and I am confident that the Student Council will be a credit to Sanderson Academy.

Elementary Education

In general, elementary education seems to be progressing rather satisfactorily, thanks to the competent teaching in that area. The problem of slow and rapid learners is always with us, and the individual teachers have given evidence of strong efforts to give attention to individual needs in the midst of the pressures of their busy schedules.

New Equipment

Mention should be made at this time of the addition of new equipment during the past year. Through the generosity of the Sanderson Academy Trustees, outdoor swings and a merry-go-round have been purchased to add to the playground facilities. The swings were installed before cold weather, and the merry-go-round will be put into use as soon as the ground will permit installation. A new compact Keystone Motion Picture projector was purchased and made available to the School, by Ashfield Post #245, American Legion. This projector, which is easily transported from room to room, makes the showing of films in the classroom much easier than has been the case in the past.

Public appreciation should also be extended to Mrs. Walter Freiberg, a sister of Mrs. Raymond Anderson, who donated a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica to the school, and to Mrs. Leslie Guilford for her gift of large dictionaries. Both of these gifts have added valuable reference materials to the school.

The Library Program

A Library Program has been initiated in the elementary grades whereby the different classes are scheduled to attend the library in a body with their teachers once every two weeks. To date, the program

has been progressing quite satisfactorily, but may be slightly altered to meet the varying needs of individual teachers if necessary. Through these visits to the library, pupils become more aware of the offerings of our library, and the educational offerings of the school may be supplemented by the reading material made available at the library.

In my short stay here to date, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the parents, students, teachers, superintendent, School Committee, P.T.A., and others who, in one way or another, have cooperated with me, given me assistance, or otherwise have helped to make my stay here a pleasant experience.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMAND A. GUARINO, Principal

REPORT OF HOME ECONOMICS INSTRUCTOR

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith submit my first report as Home Economics teacher at Sanderson Academy.

This year the enrollment of the Home Economics Department is eight. There are three girls in the first section, two freshmen and a sophomore. The second section has five girls, three juniors and two seniors.

Both groups did a large amount of canning for the hot lunch program. We canned tomatoes, apple sauce, carrots, and beets. In addition to this we worked with fried foods, candies, and baked goods this fall.

The girls have just finished making Christmas presents for members of their families in the clothing classes. After the holidays the advanced group will start to make a basic weekend outfit and the other group will make skirts and blouses.

We have two new additions to our department since last spring. They are a buttonhole attachment which was given to us by the school committee and a combination waffle iron and sandwich grill which was won by the girls at a fashion show held in Ashfield.

My thanks to you, Mr. Gardner, and to all who have helped to make this year such a pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE M. EAVES

REPORT OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith transmit the annual report of the Department of Vocational Agriculture for the year of 1953.

Enrollment — One Senior, Gerald Van Valkenburg, received his graduation diploma in Agriculture. In September nine students were registered in the Department of Vocational Agriculture; four in the Freshman class; three in the Sophomore class; one in the Junior class; and one in the Senior class. All four grades are grouped together for three periods in the afternoon. In the morning my duties are devoted to the teaching of Algebra I, Algebra II, Trigonometry and to the management of the Audio-Visual Aids Department.

Course of Study — The planning of course of study for this year was based on meeting the requirements of training students as future farm business managers, of correlating the present farm programs of each student and overcoming the obstacles encountered in the grouping of the four classes. The percentage of total time devoted to each of the following farm enterprises are as follows:

Farm Mechanics	30%
Forestry Management	12%
Future Farmer of America.....	8%
Farm Programs	12%
Dairy Management	10%
Soils and Field Crops.....	7%
Farm Management	3%
Vegetables and Fruit.....	5%
Poultry Management	8%
Fairs, trips, tests, etc.....	5%

This course of study can be altered to meet any changing situation.

Farm Mechanics — Greater emphasis has been placed on Farm Mechanics due to the introduction of welding and farm machinery units. Welding has proven to be worth continuing another year as it had last year under Mr. Reniff's instructions at the Reniff Garage. Construction of projects and repair of articles will be carried out by the advanced students at Linwood Lesure's farm. Care and preventative maintenance jobs will be carried under the farm tractor and farm machinery units. Woodworking jobs will increase. Sheet-metal jobs will be introduced. Only projects for the farm use are allowed to be constructed in the shop, with the exception of a few projects which are made for the school use.

Farm Program — A well conducted farm program serves as a laboratory, where a student may accumulate capital, livestock, land, machinery, buildings and experience which will enable him to become established in farming. Through the cooperation of the parents, each advanced student has a well organized farm program. Eight of the

students have their interest in dairy farming and the other student is interested in beef raising.

Future Farmers of America — The Ashfield F.F.A. Chapter, during the past year, has progressed in leadership development, co-operation, thrift, citizenship, character development and public speaking.

The Boy Farmer Degree, the second highest award in the F.F.A., was awarded to Robert Cole for his leadership ability, well organized farm program, community and F.F.A. activities and scholarship. Green Hand Degrees were awarded to Charles Jerome, George Holt, Deane Williams and Ronald Culver.

The F.F.A. Chapter was represented in the local, regional and state contests through its dairy, poultry, egg and livestock judging teams and its tractor driving team. Gerald Van Valkenburg was the fourth boy on the Massachusetts Dairy Judging Team. The Dairy Judging Team placed second at Greenfield Fair. Stephen Doneilo won a silver medal for placing third in dairy judging at the Greenfield Fair. David Fuller placed fifth among sixty-nine contestants in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Poultry Judging Contest and this will enable David to compete for the state poultry team this spring.

In the Public Speaking Contests, Robert Cole placed first and Gerald Van Valkenburg placed third in the regional contest. Then Robert Cole went on to place third in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Speaking Contest at Amherst.

The Chapter has made monthly radio broadcasts with Woody Brown's tape recorder for the Farm Program broadcast each Thursday morning at six o'clock.

Forestry Program — At the woodlot in Baptist Corner, approximately 36,000 board feet of selected red oak was harvested this summer and sold to the Hall Lumber Company.

Through the cooperation of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company a lease was obtained by the Ashfield School Committee for one year to carry out the correct woodlot management practices on approximately eight acres at Spruce Corner. The Springfield Sunday Republican ran a group of pictures on the work performed by the Ashfield Vocational Agriculture students in this woodlot. An estimated 20,000 board feet of white pine was harvested and sold to the Hathaway Lumber Company.

Agricultural Advisory Committee — The Agricultural Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Malcolm Clark, met twice during the year to discuss important problems that arose.

I wish to thank the members of the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, the teachers, the members of the Agricultural Advisory Committee, parents of Agricultural students and the many people of Ashfield for their interest and cooperation in promoting the progress of Agriculture in this community.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. ROUBA

Vocational Agriculture Instructor

MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Classroom procedure has continued substantially the same as described in last year's report — with several new materials purchased as aids to more effective and meaningful teaching. Description of some of the materials follows:

Song flutes — basic melody instruments primarily for use in elementary grades. The song flute is used for pre-instrumental training; development of pitch discrimination, ear training, sight reading, harmonic construction, etc.

Music appreciation records — an excellent collection of classical records of the highest musical quality for use particularly at the junior high level. The collection will be the nucleus of a future record library for schoolroom use throughout the union. Records which were purchased this year can cover a full year's course in junior high school music appreciation.

Rhythm band instruments — for use in the primary grades.

An autoharp — Autoharps are becoming more popular among school music teachers for classroom use — especially in ear training, and sight reading with words. Children are able to accompany themselves by pressing the correct button which produces a chord, and strumming the strings. Our autoharp has 37 strings giving a complete chromatic scale in three octaves, and producing twelve chords.

Song bells — $1\frac{1}{2}$ octaves chromatic C. to F. An audio-visual aid to teaching tone-relationships and direction. It is used as a pre-piano instrument.

Early in the year the high school chorus presented in conjunction with the band and orchestra, an effective concert of songs. We were delighted with the intelligent manner in which the chorus presented their songs and with their tone quality, but we were especially delighted with their sensibility and response to the artistry of the compositions. Since September, however, little of great value has been accomplished with the chorus primarily because of lack of time. Thirty-five minutes a week (several minutes of which are spent in getting seated, passing materials, etc.) is hardly time enough in which to accomplish a great deal, or even to touch on what the group is capable of producing.

Miss Olive Healy of Chesterfield substituted from March through June. Under her capable supervision songs were prepared by the grades for presentation at the Memorial Day Services. She also directed the chorus in a successful performance at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival which was held at Turners Falls this year. During the graduation season the junior high school class sang for the eighth grade graduation; and the high school chorus presented songs for both the Class Day and Graduation night programs.

The final performance of the year was a Christmas program built around the Bible story of the birth of the Christ with members of the chorus furnishing the bulk of the music, and each grade contributing traditional Christmas songs during the program.

We are indeed fortunate this year in having such an unusually fine staff of excellent teachers. From the standpoint of the music supervisor, it is unusually fine in that each teacher has an intelligent understanding of music, a sympathetic attitude toward it, but most important of all, a genuine love and understanding of children and a desire to provide them with a rich musical experience.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the school committee for its cooperation and support in my efforts toward a better music program; and you, Mr. Gardner, for your cooperation, support, and guidance in solving the many problems which have presented themselves this year.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERTA U. COWELL

Supervisor of Music

Report of BAND AND ORCHESTRA SUPERVISOR

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gardner:

My work with the band and orchestra groups at Sanderson Academy this past year has continued on the same schedule as last year: one rehearsal for each group per week. Despite limited time very good interest has been shown and both organizations have made progress.

There is also considerable interest among other students who are anxious to learn to play an instrument and join the band or orchestra.

We have a class of beginners who receive group instruction in learning the fundamentals and advancing into the senior groups as soon as possible. The band has ten such members this year, making a band membership of twenty-four. There would be more members if instruments for them were available. A number of instruments have been purchased by the school during the past two years; and these are being used to advantage.

The music we use in both organizations is a selection of varied classical and semi-classical compositions which develop better interest and appreciation. Nearly all of the numbers we use are special arrangements written to suit the ability of each player. In this way

the advanced are playing the more difficult parts while the beginners are given parts that are not too difficult for their ability and experience. Consequently each one feels that he or she is contributing something worth while.

The Orchestra, Band and Choral Groups gave a midyear concert last February that was very favorably received. They are looking forward to giving one again this year.

The band contributed special music for several community events during the year. The most important one being the Parades and exercises on Memorial Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Armand Guarino who has done so much in helping the organizations; and whose interest and cooperation have helped to make the work successful.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCH G. SWIFT

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

C. Warren Gardner,
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

1953 has seen, I believe, continued growth of the children's creative ability. My concern has been to keep them creative while at the same time introducing, as needed, basic qualities of color and design, methods of drawing, and characteristics of particular media. I try to keep every art project as closely related to their life experience and other studies as possible. Child art cannot be expected to be adult art. However it can be expected to be beautiful, even though it is more apt to be symbolic than photographic in character.

This year's success has been due, to a large extent, to the constant cooperation of the Superintendent and teachers, as well as to the sufficiency of supplies provided by the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND T. DREW
Art Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Mr. C. Warren Gardner
Superintendent of Schools
Ashfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I herewith submit my report as nurse to the Ashfield School, for the year 1953.

There were 225 visits paid to the schools of Ashfield, Whately, Sunderland, and Conway and 54 visits paid to the homes of sick school children. The incidence of communicable disease was low. There were a few cases of Mumps, Measles, Chicken Pox, and one case of Rheumatic Fever.

The physical examinations were carried out by Dr. Apshaga in Ashfield. Follow up work was done where defects were noted.

Routine weighing and measuring were done and inspections in case of illness or contagious disease were carried out at the request of the teachers or parents.

The dental clinic was conducted by Dr. Glade Hall. Many children now visit their family dentist regularly. Many attend Dr. Hall when he visits the schools. There are still a few children, however, whose teeth get little or no attention. In the school system this year there were two children for whom the dentist could only suggest artificial dentures. It is a pity that this should happen before a child reaches eighth grade.

Immunization clinics were held in the schools, and shots were given to prevent Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

Greenfield Health Camp had as its guests 8 children from the four towns.

Thank you, Mr. Gardner, for your cooperation, and to all of you who helped make this a good year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGRETTA McCANN

School Nurse

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